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# Top Gaddafi aide deported and eight Libyans held

**By Henry Stanhope, Stewart Tendler and John Witherow**

A delegation of three senior Libyan officials, led by a deputy minister, arrived in Britain late last night to supervise the evacuation of the Libyan People's Bureau as the Sunday deadline set by Britain grew closer.

News of the delegation emerged yesterday as Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's personal representative in Britain, the most senior of the quartet which led the seizure of the bureau earlier this year by fervent supporters of the Libyan leader, was deported and eight Libyans were detained by immigration officials at Heathrow airport.

The delegation, arriving at Gatwick, is led by Colonel Abdul Rahman Shaibi, said to be a Libyan intelligence expert, and includes two assistants, Mr Nasir Ashur and Mr Ahmed Said. The trio are expected to see Foreign Office and Home Office officials today.

The appearance of the delegation may indicate an acceleration in moves to end what has become the longest major siege in Britain. An invitation for the Libyans to send officials to London was made last Sunday by Mr Oliver Miles, the British Ambassador in Tripoli, to Mr Ali Treiki, the Libyan minister in charge of foreign affairs.

Whitehall said yesterday that the trio would not be involved in negotiations but would deal with the nuts and bolts of the Libyan departure. The Government wants to ensure that there is someone of authority from Tripoli so that decisions do not need to be referred to Libya and to demonstrate to the international community that it has nothing to hide.

The Libyan view of the delegation's purpose, however, may be different, according to Libyan sources abroad and inside the bureau. Colonel Gaddifi may not allow British diplomats to leave Tripoli until the burear is empty.

One Arab journalist, who spoke to the bureau yesterday, was told that a telex from Tripoli had told those inside that their departure would take place after the British diplomats had left Libya. Five diplomats are understood to be still in the bureau.

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Sunday – the last possible time for evacuation under the British ultimatum – still seems the likely moment for the bureau to close down. The Libyans may use the delegation to attempt to patch up relations by offering an official apology and compensation.

Handing over the gunman who killed WPC Yvonne Fletcher would be more complicated. Tripoli is reported to know the killer's identity, but he is not a diplomat.

The Libyan deported yesterday under an order signed by Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, was named as Mr Abdul Ghadir Khalifa Baghdadi. He was arrested as he left the Libyan consulate in Kensington early yesterday morning, and expelled because his presence would "not be conductive to the public good".

Mr Baghdadi, aged 37, was regarded as the most senior Libyan official in Britain and Colonel Gaddafi's personal representative. Although he and three others did not seize control of the bureau from other Libyan officials until February this year, it is reported that for the past year the officials were forced to consult him because of his close links to Colonel Gaddafi.

His departure yesterday afternoon means that two of the four members of the revolutionary committee have been expelled. Only one now remains in Britain.

He may be joined soon by one of the eight Libyans stopped at Heathrow yesterday. Seven were still being questioned last night by immigration officers, while one has already been refused entry. The Home Office said the reason was that he was considered an "unsatisfactory student".

The Libyan can appeal and be released on bail, but he was in detention last night. All eight are described as students. Five arrived from Tripoli and three from Belgrade and all had visas, but since the weekend all visas are being reconsidered.

Mr Brittan will report to the Commons on the progress of the St James's Square siege and face the first parliamentary questions on the Government's handling of the crisis.

Mr Britten yesterday chaired an hour-long meeting of Cobra, the Cabinet emergency committee.



Rooftop commuter: A woman scales a ladder to get to work in sealed-off St James's Square.

# Scargill spurns MacGregor offer on closures

**By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor**

Miners' leaders yesterday spurned an olive branch offer of talks on pit closures offered by Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board, and promised to intensify their "rolling strike".

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers NUM dismissed the coal board proposal to phase 20,000 redundancies over a longer period as "nonsense" and added: "As far as I'm concerned, pit closures and job losses are not negotiable".

National officials of the union will boycott a meeting in London today of the Coal Industry National Consultative Council at which the coal board had hoped to discuss extending the April, 1985, deadline for shutting about twenty "uneconomic" pits.

The decision came as a blow to private diplomatic efforts by the coal board to get talks going on slimming the industry. Mr MacGregor launched his peace initiative at a meeting with unions representing pit deputies and managers last week. But it appears to have suffered a swift demise.

Mr Scargill said last night: "I am making it perfectly clear that we are not prepared to sit down and negotiate pit closures or reductions in manpower. We are not attending the consultative council because it has no power, no authority, and no right to negotiate."

His union is drawing a clear distinction between the consultative machinery under which today's meeting will be held – chiefly to talk about research and development – and the more formal conciliation procedure under which wages and jobs are negotiated.

"If Mr MacGregor or the board wish to have further discussions within the normal agreed procedure of the conciliation scheme, bearing in mind they broke off negotiations, then all they have to do is pick up the phone and this union will meet them," Mr Scargill said. But in no circumstances would the mineworkers' union

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## Production stops at power station

**West Thurrock, one of the major power stations serving London and the South-East, has stopped feeding power into the national grid.**

**The Central Electricity Generating Board said last night that the 1.2 megawatt station has been taken out of operation because of the seasonal fall in demand for power.**

**But miners from the Kent coalfield who have picketed the power station, blame a lack of coal supplies.**

# Civil servants scorn 3% pay offer

**By David Felton, Labour Correspondent**

The Treasury last night took an uncompromising line with union leaders representing 510,000 white-collar civil servants and made a 3 per cent pay offer mirroring Government guidelines.

Senior officials of the nine unions immediately rejected the offer and accused the Government of refusing to consider evidence from the Office of Manpower Economics (OME) which showed that comparable white-collar pay settlements in the private sector were averaging 6 per cent.

In spite of the Treasury's apparent adherence to the pay limit, it was clear last night that it was not the Government's final position, and union leaders expect an improved offer at further negotiating meetings, the first of which is expected next week.

The Government will be anxious to strike a deal before the middle of next month when all Civil Service unions conferences are due and could be expected to adopt militant postures if there is no resolution of the pay issue.

Mr Peter Jones, secretary of the Council of Civil Service Unions, said the 3 per cent had been rejected with contempt. The offer offer amounted to "overt discrimination" against civil servants who were being penalized for the "dubious privilege" of working for the Government.

The unions had submitted a 7 per cent claim on the basis that the upper quartile of the private companies covered by the OME survey showed that an increase of that level would be required if civil servants were to keep pace.

Mr Jones said last night: "The Treasury has completely ignored the important and authoritative evidence produced by the OME. It was obviously inconvenient to face the facts about outside pay movements, notably that 96 per cent of private sector settlements have been above the 3 per cent The Treasury has offered."

But the Treasury said the report had been taken into consideration with other factors including the Civil Services's ability to recruit and retain staff. The falling rate of inflation and the need to constrain public service pay increases to about 3 per cent.

## Fears over nurses home sales

The recommended sale of National Health Service nurses' homes could leave many young nurses with nowhere to go and could put victims of accidents and bombing at risk, the Royal College of Nursing said Page 2

## Kinnock appeal

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, appealed for calm as his supporters scuffled with Welsh nationalists at a by-election meeting in Hirwaun, Mid Glamorgan.

## Fake £50 hunt

Interpol is helping Scotland Yard in its hunt for a counterfeit gang after forged £50 notes were found in Holland, France, and Spain Page 3

## Power deal

An agreement between Mozambique, Portugal and South Africa on the use of power Cahora Bassa hydroelectric scheme in Mozambique will be signed in Cape Town on May 2 Page 6

## Dollar gains

The dollar gained on world currency markets as rising inflation and a booming economy strengthened expectations of higher American interest rates Page 19

## Militant setback

The Labour Party is expected to expel six supporters of the Militant Tendency who were allegedly plotting the takeover of their local party Page 2

## Israeli fears

Concern is growing in Israel that one of the Arabs who hijacked a bus earlier this month may have been captured alive and killed later Back page

## Higgins out

Alex Higgins, the 1982 Embassy world snooker champion, was knocked out of this year's contest by Neal Foulds, a newcomer aged 20 who turned professional a year ago.
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## Cricket preview

John Woodcock previews a cricket season in which England face a Test series against the formidable West Indies. A full fixture list is also published Page 25



# Zola Budd receives double blow

**By David Nicholson-Lord**

**The Olympic preparations of the South African-born athlete Zola Budd, granted a British passport after being brought to Britain last month, received a double setback yesterday with moves by two local authorities to prevent her from running in important "warm-up" events.**

**The Labour-run Torfaen Borough Council, which owns Cwmbran stadium in Gwent, venue for next month's UK championships, is set to stop her taking part in two 1500-metre events because of its opposition to sporting links with South Africa.**

**Last night the Greater London Council, also Labour-controlled, threatened to pull out of its agreement with the Sports Council to pay half the £1.4m running costs of the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre if Miss Budd is allowed to run there tonight.**



Miss Budd: Running into more problems

**Miss Budd, aged 17, withdrew from a meeting at Crawley last weekend because of local Labour Council opposition. On Friday fresh doubts about her eligibility to race for Britain in the Los Angeles Olympics will be raised at a meeting of the International Olympic Committee's eligibility commission in Lausanne, Switzerland.**

**Banning her from the championships at Cwmbran would end her chances of running at the Olympics, since an appearance there is a prerequisite for participation in the British Olympic trials the following week.**

**Mr Ian Jackson, leader of Torfaen Council, said: "There's a massive sentiment among South Wales people that there should be fair play. The Government's action in giving Zola Budd a passport doesn't smack of fair play."**

**Miss Budd was also due to compete in an invitation 1500 metres at Crystal Palace tonight in an attempt to achieve a qualifying time for next month's championships. But the GLC, which has declared 1984 "anti-racism" year, wants her banned because she has taken part in events in South Africa.**

**The GLC, which owns Crystal Palace and lets it on a 30-year lease to the Sports Council, was advised yesterday that legal action stood no chance of succeeding. Instead it**

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# Observer directors censure Rowland for interference

**By Alan Hamilton**

Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, chief executive of Lonrho and proprietor of *The Observer*, has been censured by the newspaper's five independent directors for "improper proprietorial interference" in editorial freedom.

The directors, meeting at *The Observer's* London offices after a much-publicized breakfast-table flirtation between Mr Rowland and Mr Robert Maxwell on a possible sale of the paper, said that the proprietor's public criticism of his editor, Mr Donald Trelford, over an article alleging atrocities in the Matabeleland province of Zimbabwe, "constituted an inhibition, if not a restraint, on the editor's freedom".

Mr Rowland's conduct, the directors concluded, was therefore in breach of the memorandum of agreement of 1981 under which Mr Roland acquired a controlling interest in the newspaper.

After meeting Mr Rowland and other Lonrho directors, Mr Trelford, and representatives of the paper's journalists yesterday, the directors said in a statement that they had been assured by Mr Rowland that his criticisms of the editor had not been based on a desire to protect Lonrho's business interests in Zimbabwe.

The directors acknowledged that the dispute between editor and proprietor had not been resolved, a view confirmed last night when Lonrho issued a statement refusing to accept that issued by *The Observer's* directors.

"The proprietors of *The Observer* have never inhibited or prevented the editor from publishing whatsoever he saw fit to publish. At the same time the proprietors maintain they have an absolute right to express disagreement with what is published if the need is felt to do so."

Lonrho also accused *The Observer* directors of being selective in their examination of the memorandum of agreement which governs the paper's editorial freedom.

"Other important matters undertaken by all parties to this agreement included that the editors and journalists of *The Observer* should promote the interests, welfare, and do their utmost to promote the commercial viability of the paper. The financial position and the falling circulation of *The Observer* under the editor demonstrates the failure of this key undertaking."

The paper's owners added that they continued to retain three options for the future: to sell, close down, or "receive fresh editorial commitment."

The last audited circulation figures show that in the second half of last year the newspaper was selling an average of 754,367 copies, nearly 40,000 down on the same period the previous year. In a recent letter to *The Times*, however, Mr Telford said that the estimated average circulation for last month was 813,722, and executives said yesterday that they were now printing, although not necessarily selling, more than 850,000 copies.

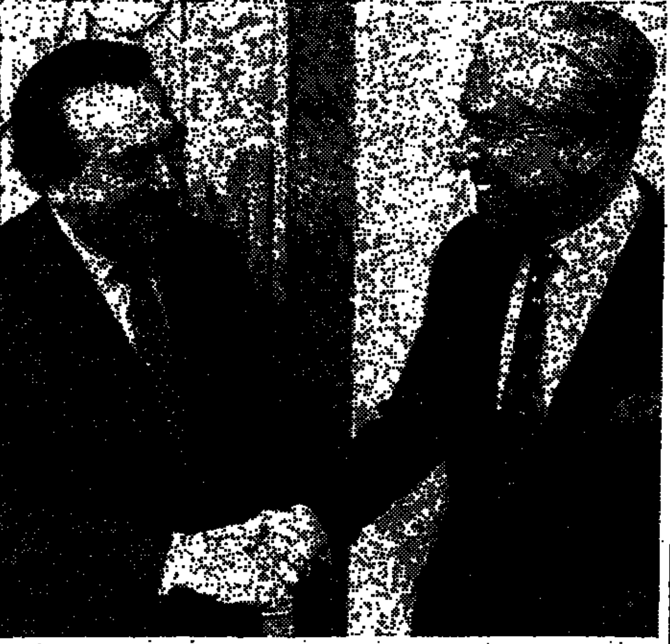
Recently, *The Observer* was said to be losing about 1m a year, a small sum by national newspaper standards, but City analysts say it has recently improved its position and may be making a small trading profit.

Yesterday's disagreement between proprietor and directors (Sir Derek Mitchell, Sir Geoffrey Cox, Mr William Clarke, Dame Rosemary Murray and Lord Windlesham) overshadowed the attempt by Mr Maxwell to press his suit as a potential owner.

Mr Maxwell and Mr Rowland talked for 2½ hours at Claridge's Hotel, but the result was inconclusive. But Mr Maxwell said that, were he to become owner, he would seek a change in the guarantees of the newspaper's independence.

*The Observer* would be an attractive proposition for Mr Maxwell, being lightly staffed by quality newspaper standards.

The chief attraction, however, is its well-equipped press room, which could handle a run of up to one million copies of *The Observer* but which is idle for the rest of the week. It would be ideal to print a new London evening newspaper to compete with *The Standard*, a scheme which Mr Maxwell has entertained for some time.



Breakfast bonhomie: Mr Robert Maxwell (left) greeting Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland yesterday.

# A long, hot summer is forecast

**By Sheila Beardall**

**Britain should continue to bask in spring sunshine for the rest of the week, and that could be the start of a long hot, dry summer.**

**Little change in weather patterns was expected over the next five days in forecasts based on satellite photographs, although the eastern and south-eastern coastlines may be a little cooler.**

**With cloudless skies and temperatures staying in the mid-sixties it has been the best spring since 1949 when 84F was recorded at Greenwich on April 16.**

**Water authorities and farmers have been enthusiastic about the dry spell, although a couple of showers, would be welcome for some spring-sown cereals.**

**However, there has been concern about the fire risks in woodlands because of the dryness of the undergrowth. The Forestry Commission said there was particular worry in the north and west of Scotland, and people venturing into the forests were being advised to take special care.**

**Several parts of Scotland reached 75F yesterday. For Glasgow, it was the warmest April day since records began in 1868.**

**Bright sunshine brought a boom in the sales of sunglasses and bikinis, according to Debenhams' store in Manchester.**

**Stocks of ice cream have been rushed around the country after the enormous demands of the Easter weekend.**

**Mr Arthur Mackins, an amateur weather watcher from Bognor Regis, predicted a drought at least until the end of June or beginning of July.**

**"The omens are all there for a long summer, based on weather patterns. It was dry on March 21, the spring equinox, and the winds have been east-south-east, so it should stay dry," he said.**

**The rest of Europe has not been so fortunate. In Yugoslavia yesterday it was raining, and there were clouds over most of Spain and Portugal.**

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# A case for worshipping God the Mother

**By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent**

God is not a male deity and there is a case for addressing God as "Our Mother", according to a report published yesterday by the Church of Scotland. It says there are Biblical and theological grounds for regarding God as having feminine aspects.

The report was prepared by a study group after a controversial resolution passed by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and will be debated by the assembly next month. The group divided in two on the crucial issue of how God should be addressed, with a minority strongly insisting that the New Testament's emphasis on the Fatherhood of God was determinative for the Church.

The majority asked cautiously whether the Church should take more seriously women who felt alienated and distanced by an exclusively male description of God.

Both sides were agreed "that the God whom we have called, and must still call, Father, is not a male deity, nor a God whose character is that of a masculine authoritarian ruler, writ large". In the Bible, God's love was sometimes conveyed with metaphors drawn from female and maternal experience.

The minority group asserts: "Although they acknowledge gratefully the motherly qualities of this Father, they believe that to call God 'Mother' would be illegitimate, and cause hurt".

God "the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" resembles, while transcending, "everything that is the best in the female way of being human, and the human way of being motherly", the majority declares.

The report refers to the use of the phrase "God our Mother" and "Dear Mother God" in a prayer at an official meeting of the Women's Guild of the Church of Scotland in 1982, which caused considerable controversy and led to the setting up of the study group.

One allegation the report denies is that the "Motherhood of God" is a peculiarly Roman Catholic concept, saying that it is not equivalent to the idea of the Virgin Mary as the "Mother of God".

The report condemns the Roman Catholic cult of Mary, and suggests that it arose as a psychological compensation for the exclusive male image of God. But it adds: "There are those who believe that the reluctance of a Reformed church to give recognition to Mary betrays a fear of femininity as much as a fear of Rome".

# Selling nurses' homes could harm patients, says union

**By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent**

The sale of many National Health Service nurses' homes could leave young nurses with nowhere to go and could put patients invloved in big accidents of bombings at risk, the Royal College of Nursing said yesterday.

The college was commenting on an unpublished report to health ministers which has recommended that the health service should raise between £170m and £750m by selling off residential property, including some nurses' homes.

Mr Trevor Clay, general secretary of the college, said that not all nurses wanted health service accommodation, much of which was in poor repair. But many student nurses in cities needed accommadation for security and to prevent loneliness, while sudden sales of nurses' homes could cause problems that "hospitals have not even thought of".

"In many cities, not just London, but cities such as Swansea and Nottingham, for example, there just is not much alternative accommadation for nurses. If these changes were introduced suddenly there would be nowhere for nurses to go".

His other worry was in big cities where nurses' homes provided a pool of off-duty nurses near hospitals when there were accidents, bombings, or other terrorist incidents.

"At the moment, if you have such an event, and you suddely need 70 to 80 nurses, there is a nurses' home nearby and they turn up in their dozens out of good will. That would be lost to the service and could put patients' lives at risk".

The report's recommendations are likely to be debated next week at the college's annual congress in Harrowgate, with a college spokesman saying there was "a lot of concern about the proposals".

The report has little sympathy for the proposal that student nurses need to live in, both for their own protection and to foster espirit de corps and discipline.

The argument, it says is "patronizing" and "a statement of the inadequacy of the trainers, who, it could be argued, ought to be able to train their students to be resposible nurses without putting them through the experience of living in".

It recommends, however, that accommodation could still be provided for the 29,000 first-year students nurses, but not for another 35,000 who live in health service accommodation.

Junior doctors' leaders gave a cautious welcome to the report's recommendations. Mr Stephen Brierly, chairman of the Hospital Junior Staff Committee, said it had long taken the view that it was a "mistaken soft option" for some junior doctors to live in

His committee would defend the right of juniors on intensive rotas to have the right to a room, he said.

# Miner, MP and union official stopped

**From Paul Routledge Labour Editor Mansfield**

Nottinghamshire police yesterday detained a striking miner for five hours in an incident involving a Labour MP and a trade union official.

Mr Gary Long, aged 36, an underground fitter at Kellingley Colliery, North Yorkshire, was arrested shortly afer 6am while driving an official of the white-collar engineering union TASS through the coalfield.

Despite repeated assurances that he was travelling to Leicester and not engaged in secondary picketing, he was told to turn back or be arrested for obstruction. When he continued the discussion he was taken into custody at Mansfield

Mr Derek Fatchett, Labour MP for Leeds Central, who travelled as an observer in the car, as I did, asked the police at Ollerton roundabout why Mr Long's explanation had been rejected without any attempt to seek corroboration from his passengers.

A police inspector told him: "I am not here to answer your questions and I am not going to".

At the police station, however, CID officers checked Mr Fatchett's explanation and evidence from the TASS Yorkshire organizer, Mr Len Formby.

Mr Long was held in the cell with arrested pickets and then released without charges five hours later. He was, however, photographed and warned "as to his future conduct".

Before he was arrested Mr Long was asked where he was going and replied: "Leicester. I have no intention of causing a breach of the peace. I have done nothing wrong."

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# Teachers on course for flat rate pay claim

**By Colin Hughes**

Increasing pressure among poorly paid young teachers is likely to force the executive of the National Union of Teachers to accept the wishes of the clear majority amongst delegates who are in favour of pursuing an across-the-board flat-rate salary increase in next year's negotiations.

Although 1,800 delegates at the union's annual conference in Blackpool yesterday reversed their vote of Monday, which threw out the teachers' 15-year policy of seeking percentage increases in favour of a flat-rate award, the rejection was over a technicality.

The controversy is likely to bedevil the profession for the next year because many executive members are firmly opposed to the principle of a flat rate. Although they admit that percentage increases favour the better paid teachers and flat-rate increases benefit the lower paid, they fear a change of line will split the profession.

They say that it would lead to higher paid NUT members defecting to other, more moderate teaching unions. The teachers' unions are already in competition to recruit members

The conflict therefore holds the potential for a big split between the unions, which they can ill afford in a climate of education spending cuts and sensitive discussions on reforming the system of teachers' pay scales.

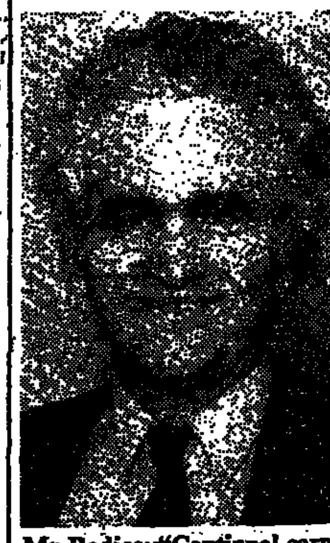
Those in favour of a flat-rate increase, which would improve significantly the award to teachers on low salary scales, counter the executive's argument by emphasizing that 70 per cent of the NUT's 230,000 members are on scales one and two.

Mr Dick North, a Socialist Workers' Party member and NUT delagate from Lambeth, south London, told the conference yesterday that far from dividing the union, a flat-rate policy would encourage more young teachers in other unions to switch to the NUT.

Executive members are anxious to avoid an open dispute while this year's salary negotiations are still in the way.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, was criticized yesterday for undermining teachers' self-confidence by carping criticism.

Mr Giles Radice, the shadow Secretary of State, told a fringe meeting of the Socialist Education Association in Blackpool last night: "We must call a halt to the strident and counter-productive criticism of the teaching profession".



Mr Radice: "Continual carping" criticized.

## The Libyan bureau crisis

# US blamed by Russia for siege

**From Richard Owen Moscow**

**The Soviet Union is embarrassed by the behaviour of the Libyan leader Colonel Gaddfi, according to diplomats, but has none the less publicly sided with Libya's view that last week's anti-Gaddafi demonstration and siege of the people's bureau are part of an anti-Libyan conspiracy by Britain and the United States.**

**Giving the first authoritative Soviet account yesterday, Pravda said the "masterminds" should be sought in Washington as well as London.**

**It noted that the "provocation" against the people's bureau had coincided with an anti-Gaddafi campaign in the United States.**

**The Soviet media did not at first mention the fact that a British policewoman had been fired at and killed. The Tass News Agency said the British police had staged an attack on the people's bureau.**

**The first mention of WPC Yvonne Fletcher's death came in Izvestiya on Saturday, illuminating for readers an otherwise incomprehensible incident.**

**Izvestiya suggested, however, that the United States was behind the shooting.**

**Yesterday, Pravda said that gunfire had "started unexpectedly outside the building". Britain had blamed the shooting on the people's bureau staff, despite Tripoli's denial of this "terrorist act" and despite Colonel Gaddafi's attempts "to solve the incident diplomatically".**

**● With the West German press strongly applauding Britain's tough stand towards Libya, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, is understood to be reconsidering a proposed visit to Tripoli.**

**Sources in the ministry say that "in the circumstances" a visit in the near future would not be appropriate.**

**No date has been fixed, and Herr Genscher will have talks at Chequers next month during which he will probably discuss his proposed visit.**

# Police keep watch on student building

**By Richard Dowden**

The police were mounting a discreet but intense ovservation operation on the commercial and consular sectors of the Libyan People's Bureau in west London yesterday.

The commercial section, in Ennismore Gardens, also houses the Jamahiriya Students Congress, the official Libyan student union, and two Libyan diplomats and their families.

Police, who have parked a control unit around the corner from the commercial section, were detaining people entering or leaving the building.

Commander George Howlett, at the control unit, said: "We are ensuring the safety of the diplomatic presence. We are not interfering with access or egress from the building at all but we are talking to a number of people who can assist us with our inquiries".

His officers detained a number of people who left the building, including an Algerian contractor who does building work for the Libyan bureau, a Libyan student, and two women with their three children.

One of the women was thought to be the wife of a diplomat who lives at Ennismore Gardens. She was held for 90 minutes. At one stage she began to cry, telling the police that she had two children waiting for her to pick them up at school.

The student, who would not give his name, was studying electronics at Bolton. He said that one of the diplomats in the bureau, who was a friend of his, had telephoned him and asked him to come to London to look after his family.

Around lunchtime Mr Omar Sodani, the ever smiling and optimistic press spokesman for the bureau, arrived with his family by car at the commercial section.

He said that none of the officials or student leaders was there. He left to meet the three envoys flying in from Tripoli to arrange the departure of the Libyan diplomats.

# Italians' strong Libyan ties

**From Tanade Zulueta Tripoli**

The Italian Embassy in Tripoli will probably be the last to go if Libya's relations with the West continue to deteriorate.

Not only are economic ties between Libya and Italy the most important of any Western European country, they are also reinforced by ties dating back to the Italian colonial period.

Recent demands by Colonel Gadaffi that Italy should pay up to £5 billion in compenation for "war damage" in the colonial period, appear to have been at least temporarily shelved after a cordial meeting in Tripoli this year between the Libyan leader and Italy's Foreign Minister, Signor Giulio Andreotti.

According to the Italian Ambassador, Signor Alessandro Quaironi, there are about 14,000 Italian citizens living and working in Libya. Until five years ago there were 20,000, but, as Libyan oil revenues declined, so did employment opportunities.

Italy is also an important market for Libyan oil, and several Libyans in important government posts are still Italian-educated. If English has become the principal foreign laanguage, especially in business circles, many Libyans, even in rural areas, still speak Italian.

Tripoli's seafront and its palm-lined promenade have a distinctly Italian air about them. Italian architects laid out the town's avenues, with the cathedral – now a mosque – still in a central position opposite the main post office, itself in the heavy architectural style of Mussolini's public buildings.

The schoolchildren pouring out of two schools opposite Tripoli's "Italian market" are turned out in the same blue or black pinafores as their counterparts in Italy.

The Libyan revolutionary authorities have closed all Christian churches except one, which is manned by Italian Franciscans. Roman Catholic priests may not wear their habits in Libya, but otherwise they are not disturbed.

# £283m Airbus order expected to be lost

**By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent**

The Anglo-Libyan crisis is almost certain to have sealed the fate of a £283m order from Libyan Arab Airlines for 10 European Airbus jets.

The badly needed order, placed in the summer of 1981, has been dogged by problems stemming from a decision by the United States Government at the end of that year to block the sale by refusing to authorize the export of General Electric engines. Washingtn feared that the Airbuses might be used for military purposes.

Since then, the Airbus Industrie consortium, in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake, has explored ways of fulfilling the order, including equipping the planes with British-made Rolls-Royce RB-211-524 engines.

That solution now appears to be out of the question after the break in relations between Britain and Libya and the four Airbuses made and earmarked for Libya, which are languishing at the consortium's Toulouse assembly point with "white tails", will have to be sold elsewhere.

Rolls-Royce and Airbus have maintained a discreet silence over the issue in the last week. A spokesman for Airbus said only that discussions over the order were continuing.

Even if British engines were fitted to the planes, much more reequipment would be needed to replace the other American-made parts fitted to the wide-bodied A300 and A310 jets. The American share of each airliner is about 25 per cent, including advanced electonic equipment.

The Libyan order, covering both the types, had been expected to be met from the beginning of 1982 and to be continued at the rate of two aircraft a year over five years.

# £27m route to link M1 with M4

A £27m contract for a section of London's M25 orbital motorway near Watford will for the first time provide a direct motorway link between the M4 to Wales and the West and the M1 to Scotland and the North on completion in late 1986 (our Transport Editor writes).

With two further sections, between Rickmansworth and Heathrow due to be completed next spring, it will provide a fast link from the North to Heathrow airport, London, and to the holiday areas in the West and South.

On its completion in two-and-a-half years' time, only one link of the 122-mile M25 – that between the M1 and the A1 – will remain to be built; and that should follow soon afterwards.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Transport, said yesterday that Britain's "top priority road" was on "target for completion in 1986".

Autumn 1986 (Contract not yet awarded)
A1(M)
M11
M1
NEW SECTION (Autumn 1986)
M40
Spring 1985
M4
Summer 1985
M25
M3
Winter 1985/6
M20
A3
Spring 1985
M26
A217
M23
A21

# Soldier is shot dead in IRA riot ambush

**From Richard Ford, Londonderry**

The parents of a Provisional IRA bomber buried their son in Londonderry yesterday as the family of Private Neil Clarke mourned his killing by terrorists in the same city.

Private Clarke, single, aged 20, died in a petrol bomb attack on an Army patrol by rioters using their latest weapon, a glass sweet jar filled with petrol and washing-up liquid. He was shot in the head by gunmen, who had used the rioters as a cover before they opened fire with automatic weapons.

The sweet jars hit vehicles, engulfing them in flames before forcing police officers and soldiers to abandon them and run for safety. Masked rioters are able to throw the bombs with much greater and dangerous effect than the usual petrol-filled milk bottles.

A few hours after Private Clarke, of Margate, Kent died, 2,000 mourners followed the coffin of Richard Quigley, aged 20, from the Longtower Roman Catholic Chapel, which overlooks the Bogside area. He died when a bomb he had planted to kill members of the security forces on Saturday night exploded.

The Provisional IRA in Londonderry admitted that Quigley was one of their members but his family requested that there should not be a paramilitary funeral. The police presence was smaller than for other recent Provisional IRA and Irish National Liberation Army funerals, although two helicopters flew overhead.

Father James Shiels, said at the requiem Mass that Quigley was a young man who loved life and had taken a big part in the campaign in the Irish Republic against legalising abortion.

"We must remember he is one of many young men who have taken a path, whether we like it or not, that is part of this city of ours today. We remember him as one who was good, kind, and considerate; as one who is an example to others."

Among the mourners at the funeral were Mr Martin McGuinness, Provisional Sinn Fein Assembly member for Londonderry, and Mr Martin Galvin, of the American IRA fund raising organization, Noraid, who is on a visit to Northern Ireland.

Less than a mile from the chapel, broken glass and bullet holes in a house marked the attack by Quigley's fellow terrorists on the Army Land-Rovers in Bishop Street on Monday night.

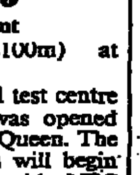
The rioters ran along an alley, threw the sweet jars at the patrol as it passed and engulfed the vehicles in flames. One driver lost control of his vehicle and it crashed into a garden. As the soldiers got out from both Land-Rovers, terrorists opened fire with automatic weapons.

# £45m microchip project

**By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent**

The Japanese semiconductor manufacturing company NEC has confirmed that it will build a microchip manufacturing plant costing about £45m next to its present assembly centre in Livingston, near Edinburgh.

The decision is a vote of confidence in Scotland as a base for semiconductor factories and compares favourably with recent expansion plans announced by Motorola of East Kilbride (£50m) and National Semiconductor (£100m) at Greenock.



The assembly and test centre which cost £15m was opened last summer by the Queen. The second phase which will begin next March will provide NEC with a full production plant.

About three million microchips a month and other integrated circuits are to be produced. In full production more than 600 jobs will be created.





Going home: The 60-year-old Medway Queen at the weekend, on her way from an Isle of Wight mudbank to Chatham, to become a museum (Photograph: Jonathan Eastland).

# Milk quotas imposed reluctantly

**By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent**

More than 50,000 dairy farmers in Britain and Northern Ireland have been sent computer printouts advising them of their production quotas for this year and warning them that any excess will be liable to a penal levy.

But the Milk Marketing Board for England and Wales admits that it is operating the EEC-imposed scheme "with reluctance", having from the start opposed quotas and favoured lower prices as the best means of bringing supply into line with demand.

The Northern Ireland board goes further in saying that it is imposing quotas "under protest." An official said: "We feel our case is being mishandled and that we are not getting the special treatment we were promised".

The 9,000 producers in Northern Ireland, most of them small farmers, had been assured of comparable treatment to their colleagues in the Irish Republic, he said.

But, despite a paper allocation of an extra 65,000 tonnes, which would have amounted to an increase of about 4½ per cent on the 1983 total, they were being told to cut back by 9 per cent, like farmers everywhere else in the United Kingdom.

The England and Wales board is also having difficulty in allocating quotas for the so-called producer-retailers, who sell their milk directly to shops, and for those who make cheese on their farms. There are about 5,000 of them, accounting for about 400 million litres out of last year's total production of 13,655 million litres.

The board was established in 1933, under strong pressure from the National Farmers' Union, which wanted an end to the price competition which was forcing farmers out of business.

It is described as an "obligatory cooperative"; all producers of milk for sale, including processor-retailers, must register with the board and dairy companies, such as Unigate and Express, must buy their supplies from it.

The board said yesterday that it was still too early to assess how farmers were responding to the demand to cut their production. But the general mood appeared to be one of "quiet resignation".

Doorstep deliveries would continue to have priority and there was no sign as yet that the opening of the British market to UHT (long life) imports from other EEC countries was having much effect.

# CND plans to blockade US Embassy

**By Pat Healy**

Supporters of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmement are planning to blockade the United Stats Embassy in Grosvenor Square, London, on June 9 to protest against United States nuclear weapons and bases in Britain. President Reagan will be in London at the time for an economic summit.

The demonstration is likely to bring peace protesters into direct conflict with the police who must keep open access to the embassy. CND organizers spent some time discussing their plans with senior police officers at Scotland Yard yesterday, and were given the impression that the demonstration will be policed in the normal way.

They were also told that the police would cooperate fully with a more traditional rally to be held simultaneously by the CND in Trafalgar Square.

# Labour Party expected to expel six Militants

**By Philip Webster, Political Reporter**

Six supporters of the Militant Tendency, whose secret tactics for the alleged takeover of a local Labour party were exposed by a defector from their ranks, are expected to be thrown out of the Labour Party today in its latest offensive against the Trotskyist grouping.

Labour's national executive committee will almost certainly confirm the decision to expel the six from the Blackburn Labour Party for contravening the party's constitution. The move comes after the disclosure by Mr Michael Gregory, one of the Tendency's former supporters, of alleged minutes of Militant branch meetings in the area which discussed plans to take control of the general management committee and oust the Labour MP, Mr Jack Straw.

They gave notice yesterday that they would be lobbying today's meeting at Labour headquarters in south London to demand the right to put their case. But at a press conference in London they appeared to have little optimism about their fate and pledged to exercise their right to appeal against expulsion at the annual conference in the autumn.

Today's decision will be the biggest blow for Militant since the five members of its newspaper's editorial board were expelled at the Brighton conference last year. It comes in the wake of other recent setbacks.

The six expected to be expelled are Mr Peter Harris, Miss Rosina Harris, Mr Simon Bush, Mr Des Mulcahy, Miss Mary Orange and Miss Kay Wright.

Mr Gregory's dossier alleged that Militant members inside the Blackburn party had to attend their own weekly branch meetings and caucus meetings in their trade unions, as well as paying weekly dues to the Tendency.

# Park studies offer of land used as firing range

The Peak Park Joint Planning Board is to meet on Friday to decide whether to accept from the Government about 4,500 acres carrying the proviso that part of it should be used for military training.

The land forms part of the Calke Abbey estate and was accepted by the Treasury last month in lieu of tax. It has been classed by the Countryside Commission as of heritage quality.

Having agreed to accept the land from the trustees of the Harpur-Crewe estate, in part settlement of an £8m tax bill, the Government sought a suitable administrator, in this case the national park authority.

But the Ministry of Defence is not prepared to surrender its interest in about 1,500 acres which for years have been used for military training, including firing ranges.

Mr Theo Burrell, the National Park Officer, has recommended that the board should accept ownership of the land and should grant the ministry a lease of about 850 acres, and a licence over a further 650 acres.

# Fire death toll rises to six

Mr James Doyle, aged 53, died in Glasgow yesterday, nine days after a fire which killed three of his sons, a daughter, and grandson.

Another son, Daniel, aged 28, is in a critical condition and his brother, Stephen, aged 21, is said to be satisfactory. The police believe that the fire was started deliberately.


Overseas selling prices

Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

# Forged £50 notes found on Continent as arrest total rises to 92

By David Cross

The hunt for clues to the gang which has masterminded the forgery of hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of £50 notes spread to the Continent yesterday.

According to Scotland Yard the number of arrests of people charged with either passing or possessing the forged notes has risen to 92, while the Dutch and the French police announced that they had arrested British citizens trying to pass counterfeit notes. Other forged notes were reported to have been found in Spain.

Police forces in all three countries are helping Scotland Yard's counterfeit currency squad, which is coordinating the search for the gang through the Interpol network.

The Amsterdam police said that a man aged 24, from Hackney, east London, had been arrested on Friday night when he tried to change a forged £50 note into Dutch currency at Schiphol airport. When he was searched he was found to be carrying counterfeit notes with a face value of £12,000.

About 4,000 of the counterfeit notes have been recovered with a face value of £200,000, but this is believed to be only the tip of the iceberg. The total could run into many millions of pounds.

The forgeries, which are said to be very good photocopies, began appearing all over the country during the Easter period when the banks were closed and shop cashiers were trying to cope with the holiday rush. Seaside resorts such as Southend and Brighton, as well as shops such as Selfridges in the West End of London were among the main targets.

All of those arrested so far are believed to be distributors rather than the counterfeiters themselves, who may be based in east or north London.

The forgeries are relatively easy to detect because the metal strip which runs through genuine notes is missing and watermarks are poor in quality or non-existent.

Among those charged yesterday were: Christopher Lambert, aged 27, and his brother Frederick, aged 24, of Mora Street, Islington north London. They were charged at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court in west London with passing a counterfeit £50 note at the Olympus Sports Shop in Oxford Street last Friday and having six forged £50 notes in their possession.

Barry Cole, aged 30, of Greystone House, Radnor Street, Islington, unemployed, was accused at the same court of having four forged notes last Saturday and passing similar notes at shops in Charing Cross Road and Wardour Street, Soho.

Michael McCarthy, aged 29, a self-employed painter of Allen Road, Bow, east London, was charged with trying to pass a forged £50 note at a record shop in Oxford Street last Friday.

John Scholey, aged 27, of Marston Gardens, Mottingham, Eltham, was charged at Bow Street Magistrates' Court with passing a counterfeit note at Charing Cross Station last Saturday. David Clarke, a taxi driver aged 25, of Fir Tree Avenue, West Drayton, West London, was accused at Newport Pagnall, Buckinghamshire, with possessing and passing a counterfeit note when he was arrested at Newport Pagnall Service Station on M1 last Saturday.

At Highbury Magistrates Court, north London, Robert Griffiths, aged 24, unemployed, of Hathaway House, Hoxton, east London, Patrick Bracken, aged 24, of Stamway Street, Islington and Michael Roberts, aged 38, of Philip Street, Islington, both painters and decorators, were charged with possessing 23 forged £50 notes at Essex Road, Islington, last Friday.





**Family break: Neal Foulds (second from left), making his Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship debut, yesterday beat Alex Higgins (right) 1982 world champion, 10-9 in Sheffield.**

**Foulds, aged 20, turned professional a year ago and, with his father, Geoff, (left) forms the only father and son combination in snooker. With him are his girl friend Janet, sister, Suzie, and mother, Pat.**

# Snub for Beatles campaign

Three people who started campaigning seven years ago for a monument to the Beatles in Liverpool have been left off the guest list for the unveiling of a memorial statue tomorrow.

The £40,000 sculpture is in a new Royal Life complex. Royal Life said: "This particular statue has been commissioned and paid for by Royal Life." Their only obligation to Mr John Chambers, one of the founders of the Beatles Monument Campaign, was "to keep him informed".

## Labour driver case adjourned

The case against a man accused of assaulting the driver of Mr Roy Hattersley, the deputy Labour leader, in an incident in Devon on April 7 was adjourned for a week by magistrates at Totnes yesterday. Paul Reeby, aged 19, a machine operator, of Pentland Close, Southway, Plymouth, is charged with causing actual bodily harm to Mr Roy Hill, assistant regional organizer of the Labour Party, at Marley Cross on the A38 in Devon.

## Eight questioned on alleged rapes

Eight men were being questioned by the police yesterday about two claims of rape during weekend violence involving motor cyclists at a camp site near Cheddar Gorge in Somerset.

The police say that violence started when 70 people, who were listening to a mobile discotheque, were joined by 40 motor cyclists. Shots were fired during the fighting.

## Radioactivity tests to end

Tests on people living near the Sellafield nuclear complex in Cumbria have shown safe levels of radioactive material in their bodies and the monitoring will end today, the National Radiological Protection Board said yesterday.

The board has been monitoring more than 100 residents in the village of Seascale since last Tuesday. A small number had higher than normal radioactive levels but a spokesman said: "They were not high enough to give rise to concern."

# Nurse's death 'an heroic example'

The courage and ideals of Barbara Chick, the nurse from Bristol who died in the Falkland Islands hospital fire, should rank alongside those of Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell, mourners at a funeral service were told yesterday.

Miss Chick, aged 35, from Burford Grove, Shirehampton, Bristol, died earlier this month while trying to save a patient from the Port Stanley hospital in a fire which claimed eight lives. She had earlier saved four patients.

Her death robbed the world of a "wonderful, dedicated nurse", the Rev Tony Wheeler said in his address to more than 150 mourners in the parish church at Shirehampton.

"But, in her heroic death, she has provided a supreme example of the highest ideals of her great and noble profession which will live for ever and stand alongside that of Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell.

"It is my hope and prayer that her supreme sacrifice and total dedication will inspire many young men and women to offer themselves for a career in nursing."

Among mourners in St Mary's Church were the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Mr Fred Apperly, and nurses from all over the West Country.

Also present were former Falkland islanders living in Bristol and a representative from the Falkland Islands Office in London.

More than 100 members of the public watched outside the church as the coffin, decked with red and white flowers, was taken in.

Floral tributes from Falkland Islanders and organizations, including the staff at Port Stanley hospital, were laid along the church path.

The family mourners were led by Miss Chick's father, John, and his wife, Marian, a former nurse. Her sister Mary, aged 32, also a nurse, and her husband, Mr Richard Harvey, of Clevedon, near Bristol, followed.

After the brief ceremony there was a private cremation. Mr Wheeler, the assistant curate, told mourners: "Barbara died as she had lived – with her patients to the last, with no thought of herself but only for those in her care."

Her parents have asked that her ashes should be returned to the Falklands

A ward at the rebuilt Port Stanley hospital will be named after Miss Chick, who trained at Manor Park Hospital, Bristol.

# Glue traps for mice 'inhumane'

A controversy over "vicious and inhumane" mouse traps which stick their victims with a type of super-glue has broken out in the Thames Valley after one of the traps was handed into an animal sanctuary. Two young rats were stuck by their noses and feet to the glue-saturated plastic tray.

Mrs Doris Gash, who runs the sanctuary at Tilehurst, Berkshire, yesterday called for the mousetrap, imported from the United States, to be banned. Last night the RSPCA also criticized the glue traps as cruel. The trap, which uses a super-glue to catch mice and rats, is being used extensively by several firms in the Thames Valley. Mrs Gash said that any animal caught by the glue died slowly and painfully; it starved to death.

Mars UK in Slough said that the traps were being used by the company.

Mr Loxley Ryan, for the company said: "We make absolutely sure that none of the trapped animals is caused unnecessary distress".

# Coinless parking to beat meter thieves

A parking meter that needs no coins could revolutionize parking controls in London and other cities and lead to worldwide sales for GEC which developed it (Our Transport Editor writes).

The motorist uses a card which would be on sale from shops, bars, and dispensing machines. Each insertion of the card buys 20 minutes of parking, and the card provides 100 units.

Each time the card is inserted, the meter electronically subtracts a unit. The number remaining can be checked by inserting the card in the opposite direction.

The new "Cardpark" meter would help to eliminate theft from meters and prevent vandalism while motorists would no longer have to search for the right change when parking.

It would also increase profits from parking meters for local authorities. Many make a loss because emptying and servicing coin meters often costs more than the revenue collected.

The new meter gives Britain a world lead. No firm orders have been placed but "some really big orders are in the pipeline" at about £250 apiece, a spokesman for GEC Traffic Automation, Boreham Wood, Hertfordshire, said yesterday.

"Theft and vandalism from conventional parking meters have grown to enormous proportions all around the world, with thieves even going so far as ripping out whole meters to get at the money", GEC said.

# Animal tests attacked

Some of the scientists involved in research into the biological activity of drugs, cosmetics, detergents, agricultural chemicals, and other products have sided with animal welfare groups. They have done so by condemning one of the two most controversial experiments used

The British Toxicological Society proposes an alternative to the so-called LD50 test, which is the shorthand for estimating the quantity of a substance which if fed to a group of animals will kill half.

Proposals published in the latest issue of *Human Toxicology* suggest that "there are few instances where LD50 values determined with great precision can be ethically or scientifically justified."

# Law Society stops conveyancing cut

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Plans by 50 Liverpool solicitors to launch a cut-price conveyancing company on May 1 have been shelved after a strong warning from the Law Society.

The solicitors, from six firms, were proposing to launch a company, Conveyancing Exchange, under which they would offer clients conveyancing at cheaper, fixed rates.

But yesterday Mr Tony Ostrin, one of the solicitors involved, said the firms had decided to wait until the Law Society had altered its regulations, which at present prohibit advertising.

"Nobody wanted to fall out with the Law Society", he said. "We have come to a truce with them. We understand that the regulations may be altered at a meeting in May and we have decided to wait until then."

He said that none of the solicitors involved wanted to be struck off. "The Law Society did not actually threaten us, but there is always the danger that one can get into difficulties."

Two weeks ago Mr Ostrin and the other solicitors announced plans to offer cut-price conveyancing from May 1 at rates a quarter cheaper than normally charged. They had made no approach to the Law Society

The publicity surrounding their proposals prompted a strongly-worded telex message from the Law Society, which was released to the national press, in which the society delivered a "demand for explanation with warning".

It said that in the council's view the solicitors were "tempting through your current publicity and the proposals you have in mind to preempt the council's decision on any revision of the rules which will be taken after due consideration of the interests of the public and of the profession".

# Smugglers of stolen videos are held

A lucrative trade in smuggling hundreds of stolen video recorders into Spanish holiday resorts has been broken by the police.

Detectives investigating the theft of videos in Britain discovered that many ended in Spain, where because of import regulations machines cost about £1,000.

British criminals living in Spain organized the trade, buying stolen machines for an average of £150.

Because of the poor quality of Spanish television videos are in great demand, particularly by expatriates and longer-stay holidaymakers.

The police, who were yesterday questioning several people in West Yorkshire, know the names of top London criminals behind the scheme.

One detective involved said: "Literally hundreds of videos and caravans stolen in this country are in Spain.

# Old people are the 'most adventurous travellers'

By Robin Young

Pensioners are Britain's most adventurous travellers, according to Mr Roger De Haan, managing director of Saga Holidays. He was launching yesterday a brochure which promised grandparents trekking in the Himalayan foothills, safaris in Kenya, and excursions by elephant in India.

The insatiable wanderlust of the elderly, Mr De Haan said had made Saga the world's largest tour operator to Transylvania, as well as British Rail's most important passenger customer.

The company, founded 33 years ago as the Old People's Holiday Bureau will take 250,000 old people on holiday this year. Two thousand five hundred will explore the painted monasteries of the Carpathian mountains, while more will cruise up the Nile, cruise down the Danube, or tread in the footsteps of the golden horde of the Mongol Empire.

Mr De Haan said: "Our passengers are the people who pioneered package holidays to the Mediterranean in the 1950s. Now that they have retired they want to see something a bit different."

India had proved a spectacular success, Mr De Haan said, so this year the company was including the option of holidaying on a houseboat in Kashmir. Kenya had been added because many soldiers who served there during the Mau Mau emergency were retired and might yearn to see Kilimanjaro again.

Saga, which discreetly maintains a nurse at all important destinations and offers vicars free holidays for undertaking pastoral duties, goes nowhere in season. "We spend our lives finding places that are empty while still attractive and then negotiating prices which only just cover the hotel's costs."

The result, he said, is that the cheapest full-board holidays in winter cost less than the state pension

# Montego joins battle for road space

Austin Rover dealerships throughout the country held showroom parties last night to celebrate today's launch of the New Montego family saloon (Clifford Webb writes).

It is the state-owned company's first "designed for the job" contender in the upper medium sector which accounts for more than one in four of all cars sold in Britain.

The new arrival will be pitched straight into the fierce battle being waged between Ford's trendy Sierra and the much fancied Vauxhall Cavalier. Montego prices varying from £5,281 to £8,244 undercut both rivals throughout its eight-strong range of four-door saloons powered by 1.3, 1.6, and 2.0 litre engines.



The Austin Montego: Challenging Ford and Vauxhall.

At 14ft 6in the Montego is 16 inches longer than the hatchback Maestro and a few inches longer than both the Sierra and the Cavalier. Although it shares many parts with the Maestro, it is not just a stretched version of the earlier car.

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# Law Society picks child care panels

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Panels of expert solicitors to represent children in care proceedings are to be set up by the Law Society to improve standards.

The setting up of panels, along the lines of panels of specialist solicitors for mental health tribunals, coincides with government regulations which come into force next month.

Under provisions of the Children Act, 1975, a "guardian ad litem" will be appointed to look after the child's interests where a juvenile court is hearing a local authority application to take him or her into care.

Under original government proposals, the guardian would also represent the child in court. But after warnings from the Law Society that such plans could damage the child's interests, the Government has agreed that solicitors should represent the child unless the court directs otherwise.

Mr Andrew Lockley, secretary of the Law Society's family law committee, said: "A social worker might simply have reported all the local authority arguments."

Lucky, the poodle who was held over gas ring flames yesterday by thieves who threatened to burn it unless a family handed over life savings. Miss Nancy Crutcher, aged 60, and her sister, Mrs Gertie Jeffs, aged 58, were forced to reveal where more than £2,000 was hidden in their home at Millhams Road, Kinson, on the outskirts of Bournemouth. Their brother, Mr Henry Crutcher, aged 62, a flower-seller, had disturbed three masked men in the garden when he went out to empty a teapot shortly after midnight. After a struggle in which he was beaten and left lying in the garden the men, brandishing pistols, forced their way in. When they took Lucky and held it over the gas ring, singeing its fur, Miss Crutcher pleaded with them to stop and told them where the money was.

# Survey criticizes airlines over Europe fares

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Air fares in Europe are up to twice those for comparable distances in the United States, a new survey by the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris shows.

It says there is "no real competition in the price sense" between Europe's airlines, which instead pool their services between European cities, producing identical pricing and standards of service.

As reported in *The Times* on Monday, Britain is to make a fresh attempt for cheaper fares and more competition at the Council of Ministers on May 10: but the survey suggests that progress on that front will not be easy.

In an effort to get lower fares for business executives who are forced to use scheduled flights, the Brussels commission published a memorandum in February seeking to bring air travel within the competition rules of the Treaty of Rome, a move that will receive strong support from Britain next month.

European airlines defend their fares by pointing to higher crew costs (double those of the US); higher fuel prices (45 per cent higher than in US); higher maintenance costs (73 per cent higher); and landing charges (up to five times higher), the survey says.

# Decision day for Telecom prices as Tebbit finalizes sale strategy

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

The board of British Telecom, the state owned telecommunications group, will meet today and attempt to decide on its policy governing future telephone price increases before a ministerial statement next week on the company's privatization.

It is the Government's intention to outline the strategy of the sale next Wednesday and define the constraints imposed on British Telecom's price increases. The Government appears keen on ensuring that any increase would be 3 per cent less than the retail price index.

That constraint is crucial to the successful flotation of the shares. Senior management at British Telecom want to ensure that the company will not be prevented from bringing the rentals of domestic telephones into line with those charged to businesses.

The differential for years has disturbed British Telecom whose four million business subscribers, in a telephone population of more than 20 million, generates more than 60 per cent of the group's revenue.

The board meeting today must also attempt to decide on the captial structure of the company, that is, its ration of debt to equity. The decisions is critical if a successful flotation is to be made in late autumn. It is the Government's intention to sell 51 per cent of the privatized British Telecom, made possible by the recent passage of the Telecommunications Bill, in the hope of raising £4,000m.

The British Telecom board has sometimes been at odds with the Government's desire to make the shareholding of the company as broad based as possible.

Subscribers are to be encouraged to buy shares and offered vouchers which they can set against their telephone bills, one favoured proposal is to offer six months free rental to purchasers of every £500 batch of shares but with a ceiling on that refund, about £2,000 to £3,000. The offer will be a one off to encourage the sale of the shares. The cost of that rebate is to be paid by the Government out of the proceeds of the sale.

It is the intention to offer the 51 per cent of the group for sale in one issue but the purchasers would pay for them over 18 months.

Next week in parallel with the ministerial statement, expected to be made by Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, or another senior industry minister, a letter will be sent by British Telecom to its employees outlining the details of the sale of shares to them. They are to be offered special rates.

British Telecom yesterday launched a special exhibition in Guildhall in the City of London to show the City the services offered by the group. Next week a similar exhibition will be staged showing what British Telecom does in the rest of the public network.

Mr Tebbit: Outline of strategy next week.

# Orchestra's move set to upset Arts Council

An orchestra announced plans to establish itself in London yesterday as the Arts Council sought to persuade one of the capital's four symphony orchestras to move to the East Midlands.

The London Mozart Players, who until now have toured extensively in the Midlands and eastern England, are negotiating to make their home in the new 1,500-seat concert hall at the rebuilt Alexandra Palace in London.

The orchestra has just lost a £20,000 touring grant in the council's new strategy. It would also forfeit additional regional engagements as a result of the proposed disbanding of the Eastern Authorities Orchestral Association.

At Alexandra Palace, it plans to offer early evening programmes, timed to coincide with the closing of exhibitions and conferences at the leisure centre, due to open late in 1987. It is also examining the possibility of concerts in the park around Alexandra Palace.

The ensemble's plans are unlikely to please the Arts Council, which was seeking yesterday to persuade managing directors of the four large orchestras that the capital suffers from too much symphony music.



On the march: Sikh farmers from the Punjab village of Moga defy a curfew to demand the release of jailed members of the students federation.

## Holy man or murderer?

# The saint who preaches rough justice

From Michael Hamlyn
Amritsar

It is strange that the inspiration behind most of the killings, shootings and bombings in the battered Indian state of Punjab should be called a saint. But Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale is so called, as a result of his adoption 20 years ago be the previous Sant of Bhinder. (Jarnail is a common enough Sikh first name and a corruption of the English word, general).

Sant Bhindranwale has taken up residence in the *Akal Takht* – Seat of Immortal Power – in the Golden Temple of Amritsar, where the spiritual and temporal authority of the Sikh religion is specifically located. He holds court in his dark, small room there, or more openly on the roof of the *Langar*, the huge restaurant, where any visitor of whatever religion can be assured of a free meal.

To interview him is a slightly eerie experience. He is surrounded by heavily turbaned and fiercely bearded warriors, all armed with self-loading rifles or Sterling sub-machine guns. He sports a 9mm automatic pistol and often wears a bandolier of ammunition across his chest. He does not admit to being a killer, or indeed a leader of killers, although the Indian authorities seem to be in no doubt of it.

A senior civil servant in the central Government acknowledged: "He is very much the high command of the terrorists" but, in the end, it seems that what we are arguing about is definition. He does not believe in killing, you see, because killing is what happens when you attack first.

"If someone does it in defence," the holy man says, "you can't call it killing." Sant Bhindranwale prefers to call it taking justice – a phrase which has many echoes among his followers.

One of his chief lieutenants, Mr Harminder Singh Sandhu, the general secretary of the recently outlawed Sikh Students Federation, puts it this way: "Traitors are to be eliminated. We call it justice, which has been denied to us in the Indian system."

Sant Bhindranwale: In the Seat of Immortal Power.

The other holy man, Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, the so-called Dictator of the *Morcha* (the Sikh agitation) and president of the Akali Dal, the Sikh political party, is clearly under some threat from his Khomeini-like colleague. And while Sant Longowal finds it extraordinarily difficult to be completely frank with the press, he was reported last week to have told a group of Sikh visitors from Germany that he, too, could be on his rival's hit-list.

Sant Longowal was at pains to deny that he ever thought such a thing when I saw him, but there is no doubt that his secretary, Mr Gurcharan Singh, need not be so coy, Mr Gurcharan Singh was named by one of the killers of Surinder Singh Sodhi, a close disciple of Sant Bhindranwale, as chief plotter in the conspiracy.

"I can forgive him", Sant Bhindranwale gave a wintry smile, "because it was me he planned to kill. But other Sikhs, as a whole, will not spare him".

The example of one member of the conspiracy may give Mr Gurcharan Singh cause to hesitate. Mr Malik Singh Bhatia, a political leader, who was also named in the same confession, came to Sant Bhindranwale and publicly confessed his fault. The Sant forgave him, standing on a rostum, under a canopy before a large crowd of devotees.

Mr Malik walked slowly away and shot dead as he crossed the road outside the temple monents later. "Of course, there is on way in which Sant Bhindranwale can be blamed for that death" Mr Sandhu said. "After all, he has forgiven him. It was just that other people were infuriated by his traitorous behaviour."

Sant Bhindranwale is fairly dismissive of the Alali Dal, although technically he supports them and their aims in agitation. It is possible to detect, through a curl in his lip, that he feels that the moderates will sell out for a good deal less than will satisfy his aspirations for a free Sikh state.

As the beautiful lilting melody of the constant reading of *Guru Granth Sahib*, the Sikh Bible weaves in and out of the marble pollars of the temple, the Sant insists: "They have made plots to kill me to please the Government, and there are traitors who are sitting in the Akali Dal's folds. They are aiming to demoralize valiant Sikh youth who are taking injustice from guilty officials."

Meanwhile the killing continues. Six people died in Punjab in one day this week.

## The rates rumpus: 3

# Scattered clues to the capping formula

**Ministers have not yet said how rate capping will work. But as HUGH CLAYTON, Local Government Correspondent, explains in the last of three articles, they have scattered several clues about their intentions.**

Rates vary enormously. Most householders outside London pay well below £1,000 a year, while Harrods store in the capital faces a bill this year of well over £1,250,000. Differences of that kind depend mainly on property valuations. But there are several reasons for differences in the amounts charged by councils all over the country. Among Welsh districts, for example, Montgomery is charging 146p in the pound and Merthyr Tydfil 218p.

The difference is partly attributable to the varying costs of providing council services and wide variations in the valuations on which ratable values are based. But another part is political. It is the highest spenders that the Government wants to trap with rate capping.

Capping simply means fixing a ceiling above which councils are not allowed to levy a rate. Ratepayers who receive from capped councils rate demands above the government ceilings will be able to ignore them. But nobody can use that pretext for rejecting a rates demand this year.

Capping will not start until next April and most of the candidates have not yet been named. Neither has the Government announced a decision about how they will be chosen. The only certain thing about the method is that it will be complicated.

Like much else in local government finance, rate capping will operate through fixed formulae laid down in law. Once the formulae are activated, the system will clonk forward on its own. Ministers make much of the fact that rate capping is not vindictive.

But their opponents complain that the result can still be tailored to the Government's requirements. All ministers need to do is to fix a formula which happens conveniently to catch those councils that they want to catch. Ministers reply that it does not matter which formula is chosen, the most blatant "overspenders" are caught by all of them.

They have given several clues about the formula they will use in the summer to choose between 12 and 20 councils for the first phase of capping next year. First, councils will not be able to escape rate capping by cutting their rates. One of the deepest rate cuts this year has been made by the Labour-led Greater London Council, an authority which ministers consider to be one of the most blatant "overspenders".

Second, councils with small budgets in local government terms will be left out, even if they are regarded by ministers as "overspenders". That should exempt the Labour-led council at Harlow, in Essex.

Third, they key element in the formula by which candidates for capping are chosen will not be the spending targets fixed for each council by ministers on the basis of its spending record in the recent past.

Instead the key criterion will be the gross revenue expenditure assessment (GREA). That is a supposedly objective way of calculating how much a council needs to spend to provide an adequate level of services. It is not the same as the target, but operates alongside it.

The trigger for rate capping will be 20 points above GREA. In other words a council spending less than 20 per cent above its GREA this year is unlikely to have its rates capped next year. Any council other than the smallest which spends well above 20 per cent more than GREA is liable to be capped.

Ministers have already named three of the group of 12 to 20 authorities which will be capped next year. They are the Greater London Council, the Inner London Education Authority and Basildon district council in Essex. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, has called Basildon "Moscow down the Thames."

That leaves between nine and 15 which have not yet been identified. It is safe to assume that several of them will be Labour-led borough councils in London. Spending by Camden, Greenwich and Lewisham this year will be more than 50 points above their GREAs. Hackney, Islington and Lambeth will be well over 30 points above. Some of them have imposed high rate increases.

Concluded

# Two-horse race to succeed Trudeau

From John Best
Ottawa

When Mr Pierre Trudeau decided two months ago to step down as Prime Minister of Canada, most observers considered it a foregone conclusion that his successor would be Mr John Turner, a Toronto corporation lawyer and former minister.

But Mr Turner is being given a run for his money by Mr Jean Chrétien, Minister of Energy and Resources, who has served in every federal Cabinet since the Trudeau reign began in 1968.

The result is that the race for the leadership of the ruling Liberal party – and the Prime Minister's job – has turned into a serious contest, rather than the widely expected easy romp for Mr Turner. There are seven candidates but the other five have not generated any momentum.

The consensus is that Mr Turner still leads Mr Chrétien by a substantial margin among committed delegates to the June 14 leadership convention in Ottawa.

Despite having been away from the federal political scene for eight years, the photogenic former Finance Minister still exercises a powerful attraction for Liberals across the land who see him, above all, as someone with enough political appeal to keep them in office.

The day he announced his candidacy on March 16, a dozen ministers jumped to his support. However, Mr Chrétien, more rough-hewn than the smooth and self-assured Mr Turner, has been chipping away at the front-runner's strengths.

Mr Chrétien has sought to exploit his position as a Trudeau loyalist while emphasizing that as Prime Minister he would be his own man. He would become the first French-Canadian to succeed another French-Canadian as Prime Minister.



Mr Turner: Smooth and self-assured.

# Teenage courts pass sentence

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Teenage lawbreakers in some parts of the United States are having their sentences decided by juries of their own under-seventeen contemporaries.

The idea is to make young people familiar with, and part of, the justice system, to increase their sense of responsibility, and to reduce the resentment that young, and perhaps rebellious, offenders feel when they are sentenced.

It is felt that teenage lawbreakers are more likely to accept the justice of their sentences when they are decided by people of their own age and experience.

Teenage courts exist in several parts of the country, in New York State, New Jersey and Texas. The west Texas town of Odessa has had a teenage court working for six months as an experiment, folowing the example set by three other towns in the state. The court do not try cases and their jurisdiction is limited to relatively minor offences, such as petty shoplifting, certain kinds of assault, under-age driving and speeding. Defendants who come before them have already been convicted in the juvenile court.

A teenage sentencing jury sits with an adult judge. The facts in the cases are outlined by a teenager - and another teenager speaks in mitigation for the defendant. In typical cases the juries sentence offenders to do a number of hours of community service.

A sentence might also include an order to serve a number of times on a teenage jury: part of the process of building a sense of responsiblity and involvement.

# Reagan ready for direct appeal to people on Central American policy

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan will soon go on the offensive to get his way in Central America, appealing directly to the American people for assertive action in the region. It is clear that he is determined to force the hand of an increasingly obstructive and jittery Congress.

Congress returned from the Easter recess yesterday determined to restrain Mr Reagan in his intensifying campaign to deliver emergency money and equipment to American-backed forces in Nicaragua and El Salvador. Administration officials say that on his return from China the President will fight back either with a speech on Central America or a presidential broadcast.

The Administration is acutely sensitive to suggestions that it has moved towards a state of readiness for combat action in the region. In response to a report in the *New York Times*, saying the Pentagon was now in a position to assume a combat role, the State Department insisted on Monday, that the US has no plans for military intervention.

As the political battle intensifies, the growing presence Mr Reagan has ordered in and around Central America is being forcefully manifested in two arenas.

Last Friday, the Americans began extensive military exercises in the Caribbean, code-named Ocean Venture 84. At their height in about a week they will involve 33,000 military personnel and 350 ships led by the aircraft carrier America.

And in just over three weeks, huge US manoeuvres will get under way in Honduras, the poorest nation in Central America dwarfing any exercises the Americans have undertaken in the region before. They are code-named Grenadero 1.

Both are calculated to intimidate America's enemies while Mr Reagan struggles to wrest money from Congress for the anti-Sandinista guerrillas in Nicaragua and the army in El Salvador.

Honduras has become an important American military base, though there is no formal agreement. During exercises over the past nine months American troops have established a firm presence and built up substantial stocks of military hardware. Next to Panama, Honduras is now America's most important foothold in the isthmus.

Since the end of the big military exercises in Honduras last February – they lasted six months – the number of American military personnel in the country has levelled off to about 1,700. Most are at the Palmerola Air Base in the centre of the country, America's military headquarters in Honduras, built at a cost of more than £13m.

It is clear that the US is in a position for swift combat action, partly thanks to at least two large new runways built in Honduras since last summer. Each is capable of handling C130 cargo and troop-carrying planes. One is extremely close to the border with Nicaragua, the principal target of US belligerence.

Funding for the Honduras-based guerrillas of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN) by the CIA is about to expire – and may have done so already – unless President Reagan gets the $21m emergency money he has requested from Congress.

A smaller guerrilla group – The Democratic Revolutionary Alliance operating out to Costa Rica – also receives US funds. It has lost American aid for brief periods over the past year because of its apparent ineffectiveness and internal feuding.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, said there was "No plan, no strategy, no thought of putting US combat troops" in Central America. But nobody on Capitol Hill seriously doubts that the US Southern Command in Panama has contingency plans well in hand to respond to any instructions from the White House to intervene.





The writing on the wall: The 100 miles of the Berlin Wall present tourists with the longest stretch of graffiti in the world. Sinister images of despair alternate with crude messages in many languages.

# Bonn to recruit women soldiers

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

West Germany will start recruiting women into the army next year, and will probably extend national service from 15 to 18 months, a Defence Ministry official said yesterday.

Herr Peter Würzbach, state secretary at the ministry, told the mass circulation *Bild* newspaper that these measures had been forced on the government by the steady fall in the birthrate over many years and the need to keep the Bundeswehr up the strength. His statement was the first official confirmation of plans that have been mooted for some time.

The first 1,000 women volunteers will be recruited next year, and altogether the army plans an intake of 15,000.

At present under the legal provisions made when the Bundeswehr was reconstituted after the war, there are no women in the army apart from 80 doctors.

Herr Wurzbach said women would have the same duties and opportunities as men.

National service is compulsory for all men above the age of 18 in West Germany, although an increasingly large number of young people register conscientious objection and opt instead for a longer alternative social service.

The West German army is the largest in Europe, with almost 500,000 men, and is assigned the main duty of guarding Nato's front line in Central Europe. The fall in the birthrate has made it increasingly difficult to maintain the numbers needed for Nato's defence strategy.

# Air traffic strike hits French flights

*From Our Correspondent*
Paris

French air traffic controllers went on strike yesterday after a 20-year ban. About 130 flights out of Charles de Gaulle and Orly airports were delayed between 90 minutes and three hours. As the Paris strike ended in the afternoon, stoppages spread to airports in south-eastern France.

The trouble is over the Government's insistence that strikers in future assure a minimum service, involving 10 per cent of flights and 20 per cent of staff. The reasons include international obligations to overflying airlines, national defence considerations and a desire not to isolate the French islands – from Corsica to Tahiti.

The controllers' union replied that it already provided a minimum service on a voluntary basis during unofficial strikes. It sees the move as the thin end of a wedge for minimum services during strikes in other public service sectors. This is a government preoccupation, given the union unrest over wage limits.

Nurses yesterday set up their own minimum service and then took to the streets of Paris to protest at cuts in their permitted tasks, including taking blood samples.

Today it is the turn of defenders of the state school system to fill the boulevards.

# Brazil's opposition takes to streets

From Patrick Knight, São Paulo

Demonstrations have begun in Brazil's main cities to coincide with today's debate and subsequent vote in Congress on a motion calling for presidential election by direct suffrage this year.

People here were urged to start making as much noise as possible from eight pm last night, by sounding car horns and banging saucepans. In Rio, a massive fireworks display was organized. The University of Brasilia and other private colleges in the city have been closed until Friday, as students began to demonstrate. Troops and police using tear gas closed the campus to stop the demonstration.

Politicians returning to the capital after the Easter break, have protested at the intense searches they have been subjected to at Brasilia airport, where several people have been given the option of returning to their point of departure or to hotels, where they would have to stay until the vote is over. All passengers are required to inform police where they will be staying in Brasilia.

All television and radio reports are subject to strict censorship under the emergency measures and they must be submitted for checking. Newspapers, which have a small readership in Brazil, are not affected by the censorship.

The São Paulo state government is planning to transmit the proceedings direct from Congress, where they are broadcast live throughout the building.

The people of Brazil are being urged to wear yellow tomorrow, the colour of the *Diretas Ja* campaign, and university students in many cities are planning sit-ins throughout the vote. Trade union organizers have been touring the streets of São Paulo, calling for a day of "civic vigilance".

A colonel in the Defence Ministry, who published a statement calling for direct elections, has been confined to barracks for 15 days.

The vice-president of the ruling PDS party, Senator Jorge Bornhausen, of Santa Caterina state, has announced that he will vote for the constitutional amendment. But he is only one of seven PDS senators who will be doing so and unless many others change their minds at the last minute, the amendment stands no chance of being passed.

## Vienna consensus survives

# Austrians persuaded to tighten their belts

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

A year after the general election of April 24, 1983, which ended the Socialist era of Dr Bruno Kreisky, Dr Fred Sinowatz, the present Chancellor of Austria and leader of the Socialist-liberal coalition Government, admits that there is no room for complacency in his country.

Within a year of taking office, inflation has almost doubled, reaching 5.8 per cent, and a host of taxes has been raised causing energy prices to increase by as much as 20 per cent.

But, despite the taxes, public spending still managed to produce a budget deficit this year of 16.7 billion schillings (£700m) more than expected. In an attempt to tighten public spending still further, the Government announced last week plans to reform pensions, one of Austria's most emotive financial issues.

Since the days of the Hapsburgs, Austrians have prized a generous pension above all other perks of service. Civil servants can expect to retire with a pension of 80 per cent of their final salary, and widows and widowers receive the full pensions of their deceased spouses, making Austrian pensions the envy of Europe.

Dr Sinowatz's plans to grasp this nettle by raising contributions and reducing widows' and widowers' pensions have already provoked demonstrations and the threat of a general civil service strike.

In a country which prides itself on its stability and absence of labour unrest, there is considerable anxiety over employment. Although the number of unemployed fell in March from 200,000 to 190,000, the figures took no account of school and university leavers and the first time unemployed.



Dr Kreisky: Golden era recalled

But whatever the cracks in the Austrian economy, the lessons of the civil war 50 years ago and the subsequent *Anschluss* with Nazi Germany have left most Austrians still convinced that a small country can only survive by sinking its own internal differences, including industrial strife.

This spirit of consensus is well illustrated by the coalition Government made up of the Socialist Party and the right-wing Liberal Party. To survive in Parliament the Socialists need the Liberals. But the Liberals, enjoying their first taste of power, have consistently failed to satisfy their more conservative supporters.

The Liberal Defence Minister, Herr Friedhelm Frischenschlager, having dismayed his party supporters by giving a day off to the Army last autumn for a peace demonstration, horrified them further by his plans to purchase 300 20-year-old Centurion tanks from Holland despite the existence of the modern, *manufactured* Austrian Curassier tank.

If Herr Frischenshlager has fallen foul of his party's right-wing, the Liberal party leader and Vice-Chancellor, Herr Norbert Steger, has failed to allay suspicions among the left-wing of his party that he will not resist Socialist plans to activate Austria's first but as-yet unused nuclear power station on the Danube.

## Doing well

**Hanover (Reuter) – Dr Kreisky is in a satisfactory condition in hospital after undergoing a kidney transplant operation on Easter Sunday. He had been on a dialysis machine.**

# South Africa makes deal with Mozambique to share Cahora Bassa power

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mozambique, Portugal and South Africa have reached a new agrement on the use of power from the Cahora Bassa hydroelectric scheme on the Zambezi in north-western Mozambique. It will be formally signed in Cape Town on May 2.

The agreement is another important strand in the web of commercial, economic and military accords intended to act as the binding agents of the new policy of "good neighbourliness" between South Africa and the black revolutionary regime in Mozambique.

The supply contract provides for South Africa to purchase at a much increased tariff up to 1,450 megawatts, about 8 per cent of the country's annual requirement, and to supply 90 megawatts to Maputo. The Mazambique capital. (Mozambique does not possess the transformer capacity to take power directly from Cahora Bassa).

Planned by Portugal, the former colonial power in Mozambique, financed largely by South Africa and built by a consortium of European engineering companies, Cahora Bassa began commercial operation in 1978, three years after Mozambique became independent.

The level of new tariff has not yet been disclosed, but Portugal, which is till responsible for paying off the huge loans raised to finance the dam, asked for a 200 per cent increase during negotiations. Under the old agreement Pretoria paid up to 50m rands (£28m) a year when the scheme was operating fully.

Since 1980 the power supply from the dam has been erratic, and there has been none at all since last October when guerrillas of the Mozambique rebel movement, Renamo, sabotaged the 480-mile transmission lines. The lines are still down and it is not clear how soon they can be made operational again.

There are benefits for both sides in getting the scheme back on its feet. The longer the delay, the longer it will take for the dam to become a source of revenue to Mozambique. At present all the revenue goes to Portugal, the principal shareholder, to pay off the building loans.

Once the scheme is operating fully, the agreement also provides for Mozambique to pay for the electricity it receives from the South African grid in local currency rather than in precious "hard" foreign currency. This could bring an immediate foreign exchange saving of about £550,000 a month.

For South Africa, Cahora Bassa is a useful external source of power. The Republic has no hydroelectric scheme and to generate the same capacity from a coal-fired plant would consume up to 70 million litres of fresh water a day – not a negligible consideration in a water-short country.

The future of the dam will be seen as a test of South Africa's ability and determination to curb the activities of Renamo which, much convincing circumstantial evidence suggests, it has been covertly supporting ever since the Rhodesian Government of Mr Ian Smith, the rebels' original sponsor, went out of business.

Implicit in the terms of the security pact signed between Pretoria and Maputo on the banks of the Nkomati river on March 16 is a commitment by South Africa to cease support for Renamo, in return for action by Mozambique to curb the activities from its soil of the underground African National Congress (ANC).

Over the past few weeks there have been visible signs that Mozambique is keeping its side of the bargain, but less clear evidence that South Africa is doing the same (though Renamo propaganda broadcasts beamed from South African soil went off the air soon after the Nkomati signing).

In fact, Renamo guerrilla activity has intensified lately and has included sabotage of electricity supply from South Africa to Mozambique. For the moment, however, the authorities in Maputo seem to be accepting this as a last fling by Renamo



Light relief: Mr Walter Mondale addresses supporters at Baltimore's City Hall and draws a laugh from the mayor, Mr William Schaefer

# Dithering over race may have led to death

From Our Own Correspondent Johannesburg

**An investigation has been ordered by the Transvaal Provincial Administration into the death of a Coloured (mixed race) television announcer after allegations that doubt about his racial classificaton delayed emergency treatment for injuries he received in a car accident earlier this month.**

**It is alleged that Mr Vivian Solomons, the first Coloured announcer to be appointed on the television channel for white viewers, died while hospital staff dithered in deciding what race he was and to which section of the Klerksdorp Hospital he should be admitted.**

**A member of the Transvaal provincial government responsible for hospital services, Mr D. P. Kirstein, yesterday rejected the allegations and said Mr Solomons had been admitted immediately to a white surgical ward, where attempts to resuscitate him failed.**

# Argentina proposes steps to peace

From Our Correspondent, Paris

Argentina is proposing a policy of "small steps" towards a dialogue with Britain over the Falklands, Señor Dante Caputo, the Argentine Foreign Minister, said in Paris yesterday.

He said his country remained "extremely firm on the essential claim of sovereignty," but added that this firmness extended to the "necessity of a diplomatic dialogue with Britain". That was why Argentina wanted a series of informal talks without an agenda. "We believe in a diplomacy of dialogue," Señor Caputo said at a press conference at the end of one-day official visit to France.

Señor Caputo told me after the press conference that the small steps policy could start without any preconditions about sovereignty or anything else. "I have told London this. The important thing is to get around the table," he said.

His visit was ostensibly devoted to helping along negotiations on Argentina's $43.8 billion (£31 billion) debt. However, it gave Señor Caputo the chance to talk about the Falklands, which he seemed anxious to do.

Earlier, at a lunch given by M Claude Cheysson, the French Foreign Minister, he devoted a third of his speech to the Falklands.

Señor Caputo said his Government was "seeking to create favourable conditions for negotiations" with Britain while underlining that a final solution must include the question of sovereignty.

He added, "My Government wishes to normalize its relations with Great Britain, which would be possible if that country agreed to negotiate fundamental questions and adopt prior measures such as the removal of the exclusion zone, a halt to the building of the strategic airport and fortifications, and a non-nuclear guarantee for the region.

He was asked to explain his "small steps" approach. He replied: "We believe in the possibility of establishing a dialogue."

Would trade provide an opportunity for a first small step? "We are prudent and realistic, and think even a very small step is extremely important," he replied.

"The first essential is the possibility of a dialogue. Am I an optimist? I am optimistic about the capacity for dialogue of civilized governments ."

● GENEVA: Argentina has ordered six new, highly efficient conventional submarines that could threaten a larger surface naval force such as the British fleet, according to the International Defence Review's April edition (AP reports).

● BUENOS AIRES: A long-simmering crisis in the Argentine Government's union policies culminated yesterday with the resignation of the Labour Minister and the first change in President Raul Alfonsin's Cabinet since he took office last December (Douglas Tweedale writes).

# Andreotti fails to break ice

From Richard Owen Moscow

Despite some hopeful remarks about detente by President Chernenko yesterday Sir Geoffrey Howe and other Western politicians will have an uphill task reviving the East – West dialogue after this weeks vist to Moscow by Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Italian Foreign minister, according to Western diplomats.

Signor Andreotti met President Chernekov yesterday in the Kremlin in what Tass described as a "businesslike and constructive atmosphere." On Monday, he held a day of talks with Mr Andrei Gromyko, the veteran Soviet Foreign Minister.

Yesterday, President Chernenko told Signor Andreotti that the deployment of new American missiles in Italy and other West European countries had "seriously aggravated the threat of war." This made it all the more important to return to detente, the Soviet leader said, adding that provided both sides were guilded by the broad interests of peace and security Soviet-Italian relations could be viewed with greater confidence.

# Rains help guerrillas to force back Vietnamese

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Unusually early rains along the Thai-Cambodian border have given resistance guerrillas the edge over Vietnamese troops bogged down with heavy hardware, according to General Arthit Kamlang-Ek, the Thai supreme military commander. He said yesterday the guerrillas were now taking the initiative and forcing the Vietnamese to retreat.

Although the Thai divisional commander on the most sensitive section of the border, Major General Pichit Kullavanich also said the Vietnamese were retreating, a senior official of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF), said last night that the Vietnamese still controlled the forward base alongside Ampil lake which they captured 10 days ago.

However, the guerrillas have recaptured some territory near the lake which has been supplying water to 40,000 Cambodian civilians on the border and is also a useful source of fish.

The guerrillas and the Vietnamese soldiers are only 250 yarda apart at the lake. Sixty Vietnamese shells yesterday fell among the guerrillas but wounded only three, according to the KPNLF official.

The chief of staff of the KPNLF army, General Sak Suthsakan has claimed that 500 Vietnamese have been killed at Ampil. He said his men had observed 13 trucks taking away the dead.

## The war no one can win

# Collective punishment in the Lebanese marketplace

From Robert Fisk, Nabatea, Southern Lebanon

They were standing outside the fruit-stall at the north-western corner of the market place in Nabatea, four-tired, perspiring soldiers, their flak jackets open in the heat, leaning against the walls and the orange boxes, their eyes watching the roadway all the time.

"You can put the fruit out to air but you are forbidden to sell", the Israeli officer said over his shoulder to the Lebanese merchant, a plump man with a walrus moustache who thanked him obsequiously. The officer wore a yarmulka on his head and cradled a Galil assault rifle in his arms, right hand covering the trigger. A little collective punishment was going on.

"Who are you?" the officer asked when he saw us watching. "Are you tourists?" He paused. "Are you Jews?"

He was smiling slightly, as if relieved to see foreigners in a place where he was surrounded by so much hatred. He was young with black hair lying across his forehead.

When we asked why he was ordereing the shops to close down, he replied at once. A young man had thrown a grenade from across the road at an Israeli foot patrol the previous day: one of the soldiers had been seriously wounded and flown to Rambam hospital in Haifa.

"We went and asked every shopkeeper if he saw the man with the grenade and everyone said he didn't see him", the officer concluded. He raised his eyebrows slightly.

But supposing the shopkeepers really did not see the grenade thrower, we asked. Was it fair to close the shops? The officer smiled again. "You must understand", he said slowly, "that this is an investigation. This is how we do the investigation."

But what, we asked, about the shooting that followed the explosion. A Nabatea hospital had reported three people wounded by Israeli bullets. A bride had been taken to the clinic with shrapnel wounds to her face after she was hit in the local hairdresser's before her wedding.

The officer thought about this and one of his colleagues, a younger soldier with sandy hair and glasses, moved closer – still watching the road – to listen. "These things happen because we shoot back", the officer said. "All we can do is shoot in the direction the grenade came from. Yes, I heard there were wounded, but we have no choice. You must understand this. We just have to shoot to get the person."

Did the Israelis shoot the grenade-thrower? "No", the officer said.

The Lebanese merchant was pulling his trays of apples and oranges out of the sun and the soldiers talked for a while about the war – their war – that has not ended since they invaded Lebanon in 1982. The soldier with the sandy hair thought that "radical Shias" and Palestinians from "the Habash organization" were behind the attacks on them in Nabatea.

Were they frightened? The officer looked at the Lebanese in the street who were looking at him. Then he shrugged his shoulders. "We get used to it", he said. But were the Israelis winning the war?

He still looked tired and the sweat was trickling down his face and on to the edge of his flak jacket. "No one can win", he replied. "This is a guerrilla war. It is always the same.

The officer nodded at the fruit merchant. "You are forbidden to sell anything", he repeated. The plump Lebanese stood and watched as the soldiers moved off the pavement into the street. Each said goodbye to us. The merchant they ignored.

# Beirut battle claims two lives

From Our Correspondent Beirut

Truce observers along a one-mile stretch of Beirut's "Green Line" ducked for cover yesterday as rival militiamen fought for several hours with rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and anti-aircraft weapons.

Exactly what sparked the outbreak of fighting – the worst since a ceasefire went into effect last Thursday – could not be determined. But at least two people were killed and five wounded along the frontline and in adjacent streets before the battles subsided.

The fighting came as a four-man security committee reached agreement on posting truce observers and police at three previously contested positions along the Green Line. Three people, including a Lebanese policeman serving with the buffer force, were killed in clashes near the contested sites on Monday.

Presidential sources said that President Gemayel of Lebanon was preparing to announce the formation of a new Government after his talks in Damascus last week with President Assad of Syria. Mr Gemayel is expected to name Mr Rashid Karami, aged 62, a pro-Syrian politician and former Prime Minister, to head the new "national unity" Cabinet, possibly before the weekend.



Heritage of war: A Beirut girl with her baby sister in her arms standing among the rubble of her ruined home

# Indian troops in border clash

Delhi (Reuter) – Indian and Bangladeshi troops exchanged fire across their common border yesterday for several hours. An Indian officer was injured.

The spokesman said Bangladeshi riflemen opened fire yesteray morning at an Indian party building a 60-mile barbed wire fence along the Assam state border with Bangladesh.

# Khomeini may seek way out of Gulf War

By Hazhir Teimourian

A report from Tehran suggests that Ayatollah Khomeini may be exploring ways to end the 3½-year-old war with Iraq. Last Thursday, he is understood to have summoned to his residence in north Tehran a critic of the war and former Foreign Minister of his regime, Mr Ebrahim Yazdi, to question him on what course the Government should now take.

Since Mr Yazdi has for some time advocated a peaceful settlement at the International Court of Justice at The Hague, the ayatollah must have known in advance what advice to expect. It is possible that his interest would therefore have been in the details of Mr Yazdi's proposals.

Mr Yazdi has declined to speak to the press about his meeting, but according to people close to him, he urged the ayatollah to settle the dispute by invoking in an international court the Algiers agreement of 1975 between the Shah and the present ruler of Iraq, President Saddam Hussein, which settled the border issue between the two countries. He also urged that heavy reparations be demanded from Baghdad because Iraq started the war in September, 1980.

There is no shortage of officials inside the regime who could have provided the ayatollah with similar advice. Mr Hashemi Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Majlis (Parliament) who has recently spoken of reparations as a basic peace condition without also demanding at the same time the overthrow of President Hussein, is thought to be among the would-be peace-makers.

Mr Yazdi, an American-educated pharmacologist, who became Foreign Minister in the provisional Islamic Government of Mr Mehdi Bazargan in 1979, was one of the ayatollah's three closest advisers during his brief exile in France in 1978-1979.

After his dismissal he remained an MP, but was sometimes physically assaulted by other members when he sought to address the Assembly. Together with four other parliamentary colleagues belonging to Mr Bazargan's Freedom Movement, he did not contest the parliamentary elections of April 16 in protest at not being allowed to hold public meetings or publicize party views.

Up to half a million Iranian troops are reported to have been deployed along the borders with Iraq for the past few weeks. There is nervousness in Government circles in Tehran that if the troops were to fail to break through Iraq's defences, Iran's position at any subsequent peace talks would be weakened.

There are no indications that the ayatollah has definitely decided not to launch the long-awaited offensive, but his secret talks with a known opponent of his war policy may indicate a change of heart.

# UK refusal blights Arab hopes

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

Britain has joined the United States in opposing the convening of an international Middle-East conference under United Nations auspices, effectively ruling out the possibility that such a conference will ever get off the ground unless there is a radical change in the Middle-Eastern political landscape.

In a letter to the Security Council and the General Assembley, Sir John Thomson, the Britsh representative, outlined the reasons for rejecting the plan based on the belief that only a conference convened at the initiative of all the parties in the Middle-East and holding some prospect for success can serve a useful purpose.

The initiative for the conference is of Arab origin. Israel fears that it would turn into a propaganda exercise against it. It would also mean that the Soviet Union would play an equal role with the US as guarantor of an agreement.

# Howe visits South Korea steel works

Seoul (Reuter) – Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday visited a South Korean steel company which recently awarded a big contract to a British firm. Britain is trying to adjust a trade imbalance running at more than two to one in South Korea's favour.

Pohang Iron and Steel Company, owner of the steel mill, recently awarded a £28.5m contract to the Davy McKee Corporation, to provide a blast furnace for its second steel mill at Kang Yang Bay.

# Sailing in the vodka armada

Moscow (Reuter) – Yachts intended for training young Soviet Olympic hopefuls are being used by senior sports officials for weekend cruises, according to Komsomolskaya Pravda.

The paper said that the yacht training centre outside Moscow had sold its small boats to raise money to fit out bigger vessels in luxury.

# Price rise riots

Santo Domingo (AP) – Businessmen in the Dominican Republic joined young demonstrators for violent protests against government-ordered price increases in which stores were burnt and looted. Five people were reported killed, scores injured and nearly 300 arrested during clashes with police.

# 24 condemned

Banjul (Reuter) – Twenty-four people were sentenced to death for treason by a court here in the latest of a series of trials in The Gambia connected with a coup attempt in 1981. More than 50 people have now been sentenced to death but no executions have been carried out.

# Artist deported

Bonn – Harald Naegeli, the Swiss graffiti artist who sought cultural asylum in West Germany after being sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for defacing property in Zurich, was extradited yesterday to Switzerland to begin his sentence.

# Nyerere choice

Dar es Salaam (AP) – President Nyerere of Tanzania has appointed his Foreign Minister, Mr Salim Ahmed Salim, as the country's new Prime Minister to replace Mr Edward Sokoine, who, was killed in a car accident on April 12.

# Strangler jailed

New York (Reuter) – Lawrence Foye, aged 22, convicted of strangling Lenore Gilbey, former wife of an heir to the Gilbey's gin fortune, was jailed here for between 25 years and life.

# Flag burnt

Athens – More than 1,000 Armenian demonstrators, chanting anti-Turkish slogans, broke through a police cordon here yesterday, and burnt a Turkish flag outside the Turkish Embassy to mark the 69th anniversary of the massacre of Armenians in Turkey in 1915.

# Docks strike

Tokyo (AFP) – An estimated 60,000 Japanese dockers began an indefinite pay strike, boycotting export container cargo at 10 ports. A 24-hour walkout by pilots of a domestic airline forced cancellation of 262 flights.

# Finns freed

Moscow (Reuter) – Two Finnish schoolboys, sentenced to a year in a Soviet labour camp for bathing naked in a Leningrad hotel fountain in January, have been allowed to go home to Helsinki. A Leningrad court changed the sentence to a two-year suspended term after fierce criticism in Finland.

# Whale scare

Stockholm – A huge white whale, a surprise spring visitor to the Baltic, caused panic among passengers when it nearly collided with a ferry from the southern Swedish port of Helsingborg.

# Russians launch offensive against Afghans in Panjshir valley

From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi

A long-awaited Soviet offensive against the strategic Panjshir valley in Afghanistan has finally begun, according to Western diplomats in Delhi yesterday.

The valley, a long fertile strip running deep into the Hindu Kush north of the capital, Kabul, has been peaceful for more than a year thanks to an unofficial peace treaty between the Russians and the *mujahidin* leader in the valley, Mr Ahmed Shad Mahsood.

But when the treaty fell due for renewal at the beginning of the year, Mr Mahsood put too many excessive demands for the Soviet taste, and though they were apparently prepared to go some distance to accommodate him they were unable to agree.

Since then the Russians and Afghans have been massing troops at the various entrances to the valley in an attempt to seal it off. The *mujahidin* fighters have meanwhile been preparing themselves tackle the invaders, and have sent many of their families and old people away to the relative safety of Kabul.

Before the peace agreement the Russians had tried on six occasions to subdue Mr Mahsood, each time without success. A Western diplomat said here yesterday: "Panjshir seven has begun."

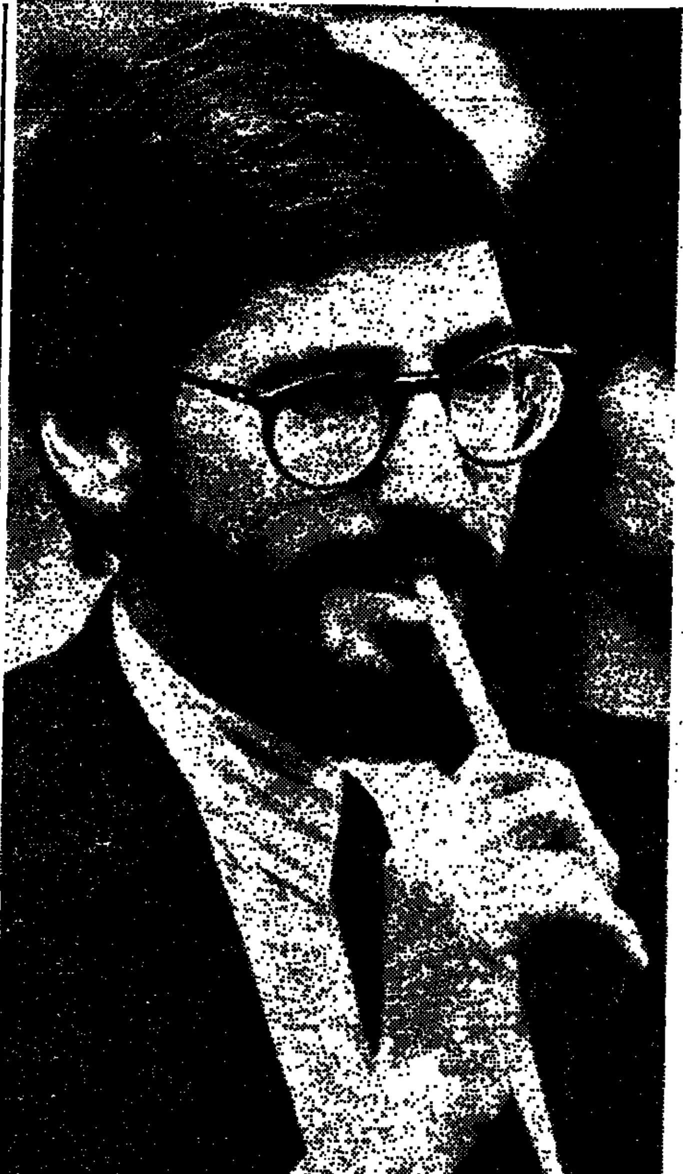
The campaign started at the weekend when high-level bombing raids were made and troops began to manoeuvre at the valley mouth.

The spark for the start to hostilities was apparently the blowing up of a bridge which was part of a *mujahidin* campaign to block all routes from the north.

According ot the diplomats, several bridges on the road between Mazir-i-Sharif and Kabul have been destroyed. Mattak Bridge and Gilbahar Bridge were the two principal breaches, but the bridge at the entrance to the Pankshir was also destroyed ot prevent traffic taking an alternative route to the capital.

The Russian build-up has been reported by diplomats for some weeks. They have also reported that the Bagram airbase nearby has recently been reinforced.

A number of SU25 close-support bombers have been seen in Bagram. They were used to particularly good effect in previous Soviet onslaughts on the valley, and in recent days 35 MI8 and MI24 helicopters have been moved there.



John Landis: he could face six years in prison

# Three will stand trial over film death stunt

Los Angeles (Reuter) – Film director John Landis and two colleagues have been ordered to stand trial for the involuntary manslaughter of actor Vic Morrow and two children while shooting a war scene for the film *Twilight Zone*.

If convicted, Landis and his colleagues, pilot Dorcey Wingo and the chief of a film special effects crew, Paul Stewart, could each be jailed for six years.

The ruling by municipal court Judge Brian Crahan was made amid criticism from members of the film industry that an increasing public demand for more spectacular stunts was jeopardizing the lives of film crews.

Morrow, 53, and the children, Renee Chen, Six, and Myca Din Lee, seven, were killed when a helicopter crashed on them during the shooting of a Vietnam war scene in July 1982.

Morrow was running with a child under each arm across a river bed on the outskirts of Los Angeles while fireballs exploded around them and the helicopter hovered overhead.

The prosecution alleged during the preliminary hearing that debris hurled into the air by a special effects explosion struck the helicopter, piloted by Wingo, causing the crash.

Judge Crahan said of the three accused "each one ... created and unreasonable exposure of harm to those killed in the crash."

## A dream turned sour

# Decade of debt and stagnation

*In the last of three articles on the inheritance of the revolution that overthrew Dr Marcello Caetano 10 years ago today, **Richard Wigg** discusses the gap between the expectations then aroused and present social and economic realities*

**PORTUGAL'S REVOLUTION Part 3**

Portugal's 1974 revolution gave the country democracy, but the past 10 years have failed to change its main social institutions more than superficially.

"The revolution was radical because we emerged from an antiquated regime," said Professor João Miller Guerra, a Lisbon Socialist. "But social institutions, like education, health, the Church, the Administration and even the armed forces, have not undergone fundamental changes."

Professor Miller Guerra is a leading Lisbon doctor, who as a liberal opposed the Caetano regime and now regards himself as a rank-and-file member of Dr Mário Soares's ruling party.

"The young captains performed an immense role supporting the advent of democracy," he said, "but when the political parties did not need them to maintain the system, the upper middle classes discovered they could continue their leadership through Parliament, and there was no need for totalitarianism any more."

Any fair judgment of the revolution must take account of the impact of the subsequent world economic depression. Portugal's foreign debt exceeds £9.5bn and only its reserves of gold stand between it and bankruptcy. The debts of 10 state enterprises at the end of last year were alone larger than the national budget.

Revolutionary rhetoric ill served Portugal's working classes, the poorest in Western Europe, by frightening the middle classes, who have quietly recovered lost terrain.

Education was not opened up by the revolution for greater social mobility. Egalitarian rhetoric in 1975 actually abolished state technical schools, so universities and the "liberal" professions are still almost the only ladder to the top.

The Government's austerity measures have produced a cut of almost 16 per cent in this year's education budget compared with that for 1983.

A British-style national health service remains a revolutionary dream. It was put on the statute book under a Socialist Government in 1979, but the next government bowed to the doctors' bitter opposition and it was not implemented. The Supreme Court has just pronounced in favour of that original Socialist measure, but where are the funds now?

Portugal's infant mortality rate is three and a half times that of Sweden, tuberculosis is on the increase, and leprosy still exists in the backward north-east. Yet doctors abound in Lisbon. The bishops opposed limited abortion, and there is no sex education in schools.

Dr Vitor Constancio, a former Socialist finance minister and respected economist, observed recently that real wages, after an estimated 9 per cent fall last year, were now below the 1973 level.

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# Eanes abandons poll on abortion

From Our Own Correspondent, Lisbon

President Eanes has abandoned his proposal for holding a special referendum on limited abortion in Portugal and signed into law the Government measure passed by Parliament in January. He signed only hours before the constitutional deadline expired yesterday.

As a practising Catholic President Eanes doubtless bore in mind the vociferous public campaign by Portugal's Catholic bishops while the bill was going through Parliament. They opposed legalizing even those abortions done to save a mother's life

# French break drug ring

Paris (AFP) – Police seized 110lb of opium and six tons of hashish, valued at £18m, over the weekend in the biggest haul of its kind in France.

Seven people were arrested, including two brothers of Lebanese origin and four members of the Marseilles underworld.

Police said the hashish was shipped from a port in Lebanon.

## European Law Report

Court of Justice of the European Communities

# Enforcing European sex bias provisions

**Von Colson and Kamann v Nordrhein-Westphalia**

Case 14/83

**Harz v Deutsche Tradax**

Case 79/83

Before Judge J. Mertens de Wilmars, President, and Judges T. Koopmans, K. Bahlmann, Y. Galmot, P. Pescatore, Lord Mackenzie Stuart, A. O'Keeffe, G. Bosco, O. Due, U. Everling, C. Kakouris

Advocate General: Mme S. Rozes

[Judgment delivered April 10]

Two women applied for posts as social workers in a men's prison in Germany. Their applications were rejected on the ground of their sex: the prison authorities referred to the problems and risks associated with the employment of women in such institutions and, for those reasons, preferred male candidates even if they were less qualified.

Miss Harz applied for a job advertised in the press by Deutsche Tradax. Her application was rejected on the ground that the job was reserved for men. Deutsche Tradax delivered cereal products to Saudi Arabia. It was said that only men worked in the trade and, for religious and social reasons, a woman could not establish commercial relations or maintain existing business contacts there.

All three women brought proceedings before the German courts claiming that a contract of employment should be made or, alternatively, damages. One of them also claimed the travel costs incurred when she applied for the job. The German courts found that there had been discrimination on the ground of sex but considered that, under German law, they could only award travel costs.

They decided to refer the matter to the court for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EEC Treaty. In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held as follows:

Article 189 of the Treaty provided that Directives were binding on each member state to which they were addressed as to the result to be achieved but left to the national authorities the choice of form and methods. That gave the member state freedom to choose the ways and means of implementing a Directive but that freedom left untouched the obligation binding the member state to take all the measures necessary in its national legal system in order to ensure that the Directive was fully effective in accordance with its objective.

The objective of Directive 76/207 was the application in the member states of the principle of equal treatment between men and women by ensuring, in particular, that workers of either sex had in fact an equal opportunity of employment.

Article 2 defined the principle of equal treatment and its limits. Article 3(1) specified the scope of the principle in relation to access to jobs. Article 3(2) (a) provided that the member states should take the measures necessary to ensure that any laws, regulations and administrative practices contrary to the principle of equal treatment should be abolished. Article 6 obliged the member states to introduce into their national legal systems the measures necessary to enable all persons who considered themselves wronged by discrimination to pursue their claims by judicial process.

It followed that the member states were bound to adopt measures which were sufficiently effective to attain the objective of the directive and which could in fact be relied on by the persons concerned before national courts. Such measures could, for example, include a requirement that the employer employ the person discriminated against or adequate financial compensation reinforced, if need be, by a system of fines. The directive did not impose a specific sanction but left to the member states the freedom to choose from the different possibilities apt to their legal systems.

Equality of opportunity could not be established in the absence of an appropriate penalty. That followed not only from the ends of the Directive but more specifically from article 6 which granted a right of action to job applicants who had been discriminated against and thus recognized that they had rights which could be relied on in legal proceedings.

While the application of the directive did not require a specific form of sanction for breach of the prohibition on discrimination, it nonetheless implied that the sanction had to be of such a nature as to ensure real and effective protection. It also had to have actual dissuasive effect on the employer.

In consequence, when a member state decided to penalise a breach of the prohibition on discrimination by the award of damages, they had to reflect adequately the loss suffered. National legislation which limited the rights of persons discriminated against in access to employment to a purely symbolic sum, such as reimbursement of the costs incurred in applying, was incompatible with the requirement to implement the Directive effectively in national law.

The obligation on member states to achieve the result intended by the Directive as well as the duty under article 5 of the Treaty to take all measures, whether general or particular, appropriate to ensure fulfilment of that obligation, bound all the authorities of the member states, including national courts.

In applying national law, and in particular the national legislative provisions introduced in order to implement Directive 76/207, national courts were bound to interpret national law in the light of the wording and objectives of the Directive in order to reach the result intended by article 189.

On the other hand, as to penalties for discrimination, the Directive did not include any unconditional and sufficiently precise obligation which could be relied on by an individual in the absence of implementing measures adopted within the time limits set, in order to obtain a specific remedy under the Directive when that was not provided for or permitted by national law.

For those reasons the court held:

1. Directive 76/207 did not require sex discrimination regarding access to employment to be penalised by an obligation binding the author of the discrimination to conclude a contract of employment with the applicant discriminated against
2. So far as concerned penalties for discrimination, the directive did not include any unconditional and sufficiently precise obligation which could be relied on by an individual, in the absence of implementing measures adopted within the time limits set, in order to obtain a specific remedy under the Directive when that was not provided for or permitted by national law.
3. While Directive 76/207 gave the member states freedom to choose between different solutions appropriate to achieve its objective, in order to penalise the breach of the prohibition on discrimination, it nevertheless required that, if a member state decided to penalise such a breach by the award of damages, then in order to ensure the effectiveness and dissuasiveness of the prohibition, they had to reflect adequately the damage suffered and go beyond a symbolic sum. It was for the national court to interpret and apply the legislation adopted in order to implement the Directive in conformity with the requirements of Community law, so far as it was given discretion to do so under national law.

# THE ARTS

**Paul Griffiths meets Robert Ashley, composer of this week's serial on Channel 4**

## Fighting the American operatic dilemma

Very flat, the Great Plains. Robert Ashley has made them flatter. Totally even, controlled, yet utterly compulsive, his television opera *Perfect Lives* is a myth of small-town America made in the video language of the 1980s. *Channel 4* is broadcasting the world première this week, given, as Ashley intends, in seven nightly episodes.

"It's not the dramatization of an event", Ashley says. "It's more like the idea of news, but set in a surrealistic manner. You have the narrator – that's me – telling the stories in the Perfect Lives bar, and there's a piano player there too: 'Blue' Gene Tyrrany. Then the other two performers are the characters who figure in the plot, different characters in each episode and within each episode.

"The stories are all about seven people, or couples, living in this very isolated community: we went to a place called Galesburg in Illinois to do some of the shooting. And they're brought together by a bank robbery – only it isn't a real bank robbery, it's a metaphysical robbery: the manager turns up the next day to say that it's OK and the money has reappeared. It's a bit like *Grand Hotel*: they're seven people who don't have any connexion with each other, but who are brought together by circumstances."

They are also people who do not exactly sing in any normal operatic manner. The bar metaphor is followed through. Ashley and his fellow performers drone on mesmerizingly like night-club singers at the end of a very long evening, while "Blue" Gene tinkles the ivories and the screen turns with the most extraordinary images and transformations. Why then call it "opera"?

"I don't particularly like the word myself, but you have to call it something. You see, when I started composing seriously, in the Sixties, I found I always wanted to tell a story. I did a lot of work at the time with the ONCE group, a very potent group of people, and we were doing modern opera, with electronics. But that was very exhausting work, just keeping the whole thing alive, and at the end of the Sixties I sort of retired and took an academic job at Mills College in California.

"Then in the mid-1970s I wanted to get back into doing opera-type pieces. Americans can't do European-style opera: its not built into us. I mean, how could I imagine myself into Verdi's situation? It's preposterous. Also, nobody wants it in the United States. You can do it here, if you're Stockhausen, or Boulez. But in the States you can be the most famous composer in the world – you can be John Cage – and still you won't be able to do anything in the theatre on a big scale. So I turned to television.

"I started out with *Music with Roots in the Aether*, which is seven two-hour operas about composers. The first hour of each one is a monologue by the composer, prompted by me, and then the second hour is musical performance. Then around 1980 I started *Perfect Lives*, and for two years we went around giving performances of parts of it – the last one was here in London – before we finally put it together last year."

Ashley's original plan was that the opera should be presented to television stations in the form of seperate tapes which they could put together to make a local version: perhaps something of that conception lies behind the Peter Greenaway film on *Perfect Lives* shown on Channel 4 on Easter Sunday. But in the finished product the inbuilt variability was abandoned for technical reasons.

Since completing *Perfect Lives* Ashley has started another television opera in several parts, *Now Eleanor's Idea*, which is planned to have four 90-minute episodes.

"It's the same series of events seen by four different people, in completely different ways. The four people are a woman (Linda), her husband (Don), Eleanor and the son of Linda and Don. 'Improvement', which I've finished, is Linda's story, and it's an allegory of the effects of Jewish mysticism on western philosophy. Then Don's story isn't allegorical at all: it works rather by persuasion. And Eleanor's story is a documentary, a very objective look at certain facts. Finally the son's story is very futuristic and high-tech and all about codes. It's all facts, only none of the facts is true. But they're systematically false, so if you follow the untrue facts you get to the true answer."

For *Now Eleanor's Idea* Ashley is moving from Illinois to the south-west of the United States, "a much more dramatic place" which he feels will impose a quite different style from the beguiling quiet of *Perfect Lives*.

"I also think it'll be different because it's being made at a different time. I want my work to have a time-mark on it. I want people to be able to look at *Perfect Lives* in 20 years' time and say: 'Ah yes, that was made in 1983'. That's very important because we're living at a time of rapid change, in television technology and also in the way people accommodate themselves to information, the way they find out who they are, where they belong.

"Television is changing all that, when on the same night you can see *La Bohème*, a documentary about an African tribe and a news film of people being shot in London. You can't help but identify with what you see. And we've only just begun to ask what that might mean."



Robert Ashley: the urge to tell a story

Television

## Bohemian business

"What is it tonight, morphine or cocaine?" says Dr Watson, finding the old sleuth apparently in the sulks and giving a rather contemporary twist to a lavish reworking of this much exploited character which Granada will be pushing out over the next six weeks.

Dr Watson's apprehension is groundless. Old smarty-boots is not on a high, though he is in that state of mental exaltation which a forthcoming case can also evoke. This time it is A Scandal in Bohemia. As it transpires, there is no scandal and not much Bohemia either. The principal action is in a reconstituted London with dear old Cockneys, ancient perambulators oiled for the occasion and a lot of extras playing things as they used to be.

Holmes has a caller who gives a false name but does not fool him (or, given his resplendent get-up, me either) for a moment. It is the King of Bohemia. He is in trouble because of a picture of himself with a mistress which she has kept and, he fears, will use to stop his imminent marriage. Hence Holmes and a prospective fee of £300 in gold and £700 in notes, which would obviously take care of the Baker Street expenses, including cocaine and morphine, for some time.

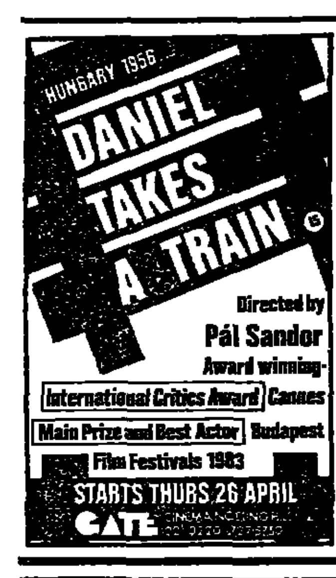
So off we went last night with Jeremy Brett playing the supercilious one, David Burke his somewhat egregious partner, and Gayle Hunnicutt queening it as the former mistress. It was a leisurely chase with no expense spared and more intriguing props that an antique fair.

This time Holmes is on a loser, beaten by a representative of the sex that old chauvinist pig that he was, he undoubtedly regarded as weaker. Miss Hunnicutt's Irene Adler has fallen in love herself, does not want the wretched picture, and is last seen dropping it overboard as she sails away with her new husband, having brought Holmes from high to unexalted low in no time.

Mr Brett was in sight of Rathbone, Mr Burke less spluttery that Nigel Bruce, Gayle Hunnicutt immensely decorative and Wolf Kähler rather pop-eyed as the king, though you may expect that of a Bohemian. In all, Michael Cox's production had everything but pace. Maybe Holmes is a horse that has *run* too often.

**Dennis Hackett**






Basically Bach Festival

### AAM/Hogwood

Barbican

After their B minor Mass on Sunday, the Academy of Ancient Music turned on Monday afternoon to orchestral works for another concert in the Barbican's weekend of Basically Bach, or Bach reduced to basics. At least, "orchestral" is the term we used to apply to works like the B minor Suite for flute and strings or the Brandenburg Concertos. But with the Academy fielding only one player per part, so that there were never more than 10 musicians on the stage, the sound was that of chamber music.

Such emphatically cannot be said, however, of the style. Christopher Hogwood disciplines his players from the keyboard as decisively as any baton waver, and there is little room for dialogue in his performances. Finales were so fast that everybody had to concentrate just on keeping the machine going, which they did very proficiently. And elsewhere Mr Hogwood preferred light accents, smooth running and symmetry, all of which tended to rule out the individuality and extravagance that are surely just as much characteristics of baroque style.

In the Third Brandenburg, for instance, a lot of the fun normally comes from subtleties introduced by violin soloists in their threefold concourse. Admittedly this is open to grotesque abuse, but here the only difference among them was one that could not be disguised – technical competence.

The impossibility of projecting a period style in so ludicrously non-period an auditorium also held back solo flamboyance. Inevitably the player to suffer most in that respect was the flautist Lisa Beznosiuk, who was featured not only on the B minor Suite but also in the similar B minor overture to the obscure secular cantata *Non sa che sia dolore*.

What I heard of Miss Beznosiuk's performance was softly charming, nicely phrased and in tune (none of them reliable qualities of all her colleagues on this occasion), but there were places where she simply disappeared, especially in the Polonaise and Minuet of the suite. One just had to supply the missing notes from memory, which I cannot think is the aim of "authentic" performance style.

But, lest there was anyone around still naively assuming the goal was historical accuracy, the programme happily concluded with a piece of fantasy: Mr Hogwood's own reconstruction from the triple Harpsichord Concerto in C of what might have been a concerto for three violins by an Italian composer. When so many Italian baroque concertos already exist, it shows a pleasant disregard for creative economy to make a new one. It is also a delightful absurdity to work back from a significant work to an insignificant one. But the counterfeiting was totally plausible, and added a splendid new rôle for Simon Standage as the Paganini of the baroque.

**Paul Griffiths**

*One of the least remarked and* most remarkable conclusions of Bach research in the past few years has been the establishment of the B minor Mass as his final major compilation. Now that Bach's work on *The Art of Fugue* has been put back to the early 1740s, and the stories of its deathbed interruption firmly demythologized, the composition of the great *Symbolum Nicenum*, the Credo, in 1748–49 (and the assembly of existing sections of Mass setting around that) appears to have been Bach's last large-scale activity.

Perhaps this conclusion should remain hidden, lest the sentimentalists get to work on it with the same effect they had on *The Art of Fugue*. After a couple of decades of rediscovery, we are just beginning to escape from the attitude expressed in the judgment, first made in 1830, that the B minor Mass is "the greatest work of art the world has ever seen", expressing what Schumann called "rare states of the soul".

But still on some level, by some rhetorical means, the music must move us, and there is surely something a little wrong with a zippy High Speed Mass like Sunday night's (in the Barbican's Basically Bach Festival) that charms and pleases but never challenges us. At a couple of points in Christopher Hogwood's eminently sane and lively direction one felt that the *period instruments* offered a newly rediscovered eloquence: in the icy inflexion of the strings in "Et incarnatus", the long bowstrokes in the "Crucifixus", the roulades of triplets from the flute in the "Benedictus".

Much of the rest simply happened. It happened very well: in particular the superb, splendidly clear and energetic choir sang Bach's choruses at often alarming tempi with complete conviction. But Hogwood was content to let structural points pass unmarked: while avoiding over-interpretation he often appeared to conduct the upper parts to the detriment of the bass line (as in the "Cum sancto spiritu"), which gave an oddly weightless feel to the texture.

It was bold to give the Mass with only four soloists, and Carolyn Watkinson did not sound altogether happy until she flowered in a warm, natural Agnus Dei. In the duets her ampler tone was sometimes lost beneath Emma Kirkby's sharp-edged sound, electrically alive. Paul Elliott sounded ill-at-ease and Stephen Varcoe coped well. Admirably light, clear, continuo playing, but an opportunity not quite grasped.

**Nicholas Kenyon**

London debuts

## Living words

The Swedish soprano Mari Anne Häggander did not just pay lip-service to the words she sang, but lived every one. Though primarily an operatic artist, a programme divided between Scandinavian song and Lieder by Strauss revealed her as an acutely sensitive, stylish musician more concerned with subtleties of expression than mere vocal display. The voice itself, however, was always most thrilling when allowed freest rein, as in the turbulence of Grieg's "Tak for dit Rad" and "Et Hab". Tone sometimes lost lustre in Strauss's slower intimacies, also her line an effortless continuity. But with characterful support from Ralf Gothoni she held her listeners spellbound in the disturbed fantasy of Sallinen's Four Dream Songs, and found a charming simplicity and flow for a welcome group of unfamiliar Stenhammar.

Jonathan Phillips, born in Wales, proved a puzzling pianist, at times – and not least in sonatas by Haydn and middle-period Beethoven – emerging as a chamber musician of real fluency and finesse, but at others seeming to miss the point by not sufficiently getting inside each composer's stylistic skin. While his fingers did most of what he asked of them in Debussy's *Images* his timing and shading were capricious (especially in "Reflets dans l'eau"), and both here and in Etudes-Tableaux by Rachmaninov, as again in the passionate middle section of Chopin's early Nocturne in F, he allowed loud tone to harden. In sum, the recital did not do full justice to an undeniable talent.

With nine seasoned orchestral musicians and a singer on which to draw, the Rondel Ensemble could offer variety. Not everyone caught the ear as arrestingly as the oboist, David Powell, and, still more, the clarinettist, Julian Farrell, whose performance of Malcolm Arnold's racy Sonatina and Schubert's "Shepherd on the Rock" (with Jane Highfield agreeably fresh-toned if not quite the composr's artless child-of-nature) were the programme's high-spots. Mozart's Oboe Quartet was another winner. Though his Quintet for piano and wind emerged more confidently than that for horn and strings, it still remained too matter-of-fact.

Out to salute years which saw the birth of opera and rise of solo song, a team of young singers (as yet without collective title) assembled by David Roblou and David Mason chose a programme of Monteverdi, Purcell and Carissimi. Accompanied by period instruments, the individual voices were sharply contrasted in colour and volume, some (especially Kym Amps's soprano, Sharon Cooper's contralto and the tenor and counter-tenor of Alasdair Elliott and Nicholas Clapton) more mellifluous and controlled in line than others, but all fired by an exploratory zeal, a desire to achieve "a vocal *language both highly stylized* and uninhibited", that brought lovers, witches and prophets to vivid life.

**Joan Chissell**

Bold and sometimes erratic contrasts of dynamics and colour raised some questions concerning the playing of André Nikolsky, a Moscow-born pianist now based in New York. His programme at the Queen Elizabeth Hall put him in a continuing tradition from Cherkassky and other expatriates, with a distinctive technique stemming from controlled gradations of forearm pressure and a claw-fingered attack at the keyboard in sonatas by Liszt and Prokofiev.

*In* the former's B minor Sonata the pianist waxed rhapsodic over a wide range of expression, all the way from the declamatory to the skittish, without keeping a firm enough control over the work's continuous structure. It meant that, between the impulsive opening and a forceful final fugue, he was apt to veer alarmingly from sentiment to bravura, as he also did in the half-dozen Rachmaninov Preludes with which he began.

Five of Liszt's transcriptions from Schubert songs sounded an indulgent gloss on the originals, except for a dramatic "Der Doppelgänger", the least changed. Prokofiev's Seventh Sonata was marked by a flexible pulse underlying the shifts of mood in the first movement and a cool assurance in the Andante. The *precipitato* finale, in its relentless 7/8 metre, acquired a compelling intensity of character as well as masterly virtuosity.

Angelo Persichilli, first flute of the Santa Cecilia Orchestra in Rome, warmed to his Wigmore Hall programme as he went along, showing the best aspects of his technique and sense of musical character in works of the present century. His classical playing had style but little flavour, except for the touches of wit and charm he brought to Schubert's Introduction, Theme and Variations, D802, on a melody better known as the "Trockne Blumen" song.

A *spirited partnership* with Donald Sulzen at the piano resulted in a stimulating *Romanzetta* by Petrassi, a composer underrated in Britain and a work of more imagination and substance than its title suggests. Busoni's *Divertimento*, Op 52, with its orchestra part transcribed for piano by Kurt Weill, no less, had much grace of expression in the flute writing, but it was the Sonata by Poulenc which most reflected Persichilli's *artistry*, in the eloquent feeling he gave to the Cantilena movement and his sensitive and rhythmically poised phrasing throughout.

**Noël Goodwin**



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# SPECTRUM

Two hundred years ago, a Protestant sect from Germany moved to Pennsylvania committed to resisting progress. Today they can be found, barely changed by the years in between, as **Christopher Thomas** reports

# The Americans that time forgot










**Clockwise from top: An Amish family at Philadelphia Zoo for the summer picnic meeting of the Inter- State Producers' Cooperative. Eli Beller weighs fruit in an Amish store. Three Amish women watch proceedings at a horse auction in Lebanon, Missouri. Shopping in the usual Amish transport, a horse-drawn buggy. (Photographs: the *Philadelphia Inquirer*).**

From the grime and smokestacks of Philadelphia it is an hour to Paradise. The countryside is rich and fertile and under plough for tobacco and corn. People are riding in horse-drawn buggies, their eyes turned from the ceaseless gaze of strangers. They seem shy and withdrawn. The men have long, tangled beards and the women are draped in shapeless clothes that have neither buttons nor zips, for such adornments are forbidden.

They talk quietly in a foreign tongue. At home there is no electricity, no radio, no telephone and no books save for the Bible. The houses are stark, without curtains, carpets, or pictures on the wall. There probably is no internal plumbing and certainly no central heating. Lighting is by kerosene, heating by wood stove, and there is a buggy in the garage, never a car.

These are the Amish, a reactionary people who 200 years ago came to Pennsylvania from Europe, where they are extinct. In America their culture is intact, secure and distinctly separate from the pampered society all around them. The children are defecting in only small numbers, preferring instead a life that will be tidy, ordered and rigidly prescribed by the most conservative of the "plain" religions.

The Amish exist in many states of America, but Lancaster County in Pennsylvania is the mother settlement. They came in quest of William Penn's promise of religious freedom and still speak an Old German, as well as English. There are 12,500 Amish in Lancaster County, mostly farm people who till the land with horse and plough and try to avoid man-made fertilizers. Yet they achieve a productivity that compares with the most intensive modern production methods.

In Lancaster County they live in places with names like Paradise, Intercourse, Strasburg and Bird-in-Hand. Their children leave school with little more knowledge than the ability to read and write, for education is considered wordly. They read no newspapers, nor listen to worldly news. The boys will be farmers and will neither drink nor smoke. The girls will become mothers of many children, because birth control is banned.

The Amish are pursued by tourists. The gentle countryside of Lancaster County is dotted with hotels, restaurants and hamburger joints. Even among the Amish you find occasional signs advertising buggy rides and home-made quilts, although in general they have nothing to do with outsiders.

The many buggies that travel the country roads are trailed mercilessly in the summer by camera-laden visitors, even though the guide-books all explain that it is a strict tenet of the Amish to avoid being photographed. One 20-foot sign offers visits to a "genuine" Amish farm, where you will find a souvenir shop, soft drink machines and a large car park. "William Penn's son built this house", says a young tour guide as she leads yet another procession through the old kitchen.

The Amish, like their less conservative neighbours, the Mennonites, are known as the Pennsylvania Dutch, which is a misnomer. They are Protestants from Germany, like many other eighteenth century settlers of Pennsylvania such as the Lutherans, Moravians and Schwenkfelders.

Amish farms are among the best. Their land in Pennsylvania is among the most expensive in the world. As their numbers expand they are moving to states where they have not previously settled. Wherever they go, they reinvigorate the local farming economy. There are now 88,000 Amish people in America in 550 settlements, and they continue to grow. They remain fervently anti-materialistic and refuse pensions and social security. The emphasis is on independence from the outside world.

They clash frequently with the world they reject. Amish children are expected to stop their education at the age of 12 or 13 ("the wisdom of the world is foolishness with God"), which brings conflicts with educational authorities over school attendance laws. The buggy is a menace on traffic-laden roads. Some states refuse to buy milk from Amish dairymen because it is not produced and stored with the aid of modern equipment. And some local ordinances ban the keeping of horses.

The moral standards of the Amish have hardly changed in 200 years but there are some concessions to the modern way. Many, for example, now use diesel engines to fuel machines that power refrigerators and motorized farm tools. They also use public telephones – in Lancaster County there are several telephone kiosks reserved exclusively for the Amish. Modern equipment, however, is still frowned upon as worldly.

The Amish try to minimize contact with the outside world. There are 80 one-room Amish schoolhouses in Pennsylvania. They will rarely talk to journalists, and certainly not without an assurance that their names will not be used, for that would be vanity.

The tourists are their biggest headache. Lancaster County will have five million visitors this year, all looking for the funny people in their little grey buggies. Marie Goode, a local sociologist who has closely studied Amish and Mennonite culture, said: "In the 1960s some sociologists said the pressures of tourism could bring about the end of the Amish. It does get to be a zoo out here but the number of Amish has nearly doubled in the last 20 years. I expect that trend to continue."

Some Amish people, however, have moved out of Lancaster County because they could no longer stand the ogling of the tourists. But they have kept the faith, even if they have done so on 50 acres in Tennessee instead of in the ancestral, beautiful hills of Lancaster County.

moreover . . .
Miles Kington

## When silence was truly golden

As my contribution to BBC 2's twentieth anniversary celebrations, I would like to go back 19 years to its first birthday party, which contained one of the most memorable public pronouncements that I have ever heard. BBC 2 celebrated its first year in existence by broadcasting a live two-hour discussion about media, messages and mass communication – not a very festive way of celebrating anything, you might think, but young readers must remember that BBC 2 was the Channel 4 of its day. Nowdays, of course, BBC 2 is snooker only.

This televized seminar involved lots of British intellectuals like Raymond Williams, Richard Hoggart, Jonathan Miller and people called Hall. I do not say that these particular people were on the programme; only that people like them were on the programme. I have always found it very difficult to tell the difference between people like Raymond Hoggart and Richard Williams, or between any people called Hall. I cannot even remember the name or the face the chairman. What I do remember very clearly was the presence of Derek Taylor.

Derek Taylor was not an intellectual. He was on the programme because he was press officer or publicist for the Beatles, who were at that time the most famous people in history. Perhaps the Beatles had been invited to appear on the programme and could not make it, or perhaps Derek had intercepted the invitation and decided to go himself; I don't know. Perhaps the BBC had even felt that because they were staging a discussion on mass communications, they ought to involve someone with experience of it, although this seems unlikely.

So I switched on and sat through the first hour of the discussion, as everyone made what I believe are called useful contributions to the debate. To put it another way, they made the sort of noises with which university dons impress students while thinking of something entirely different.

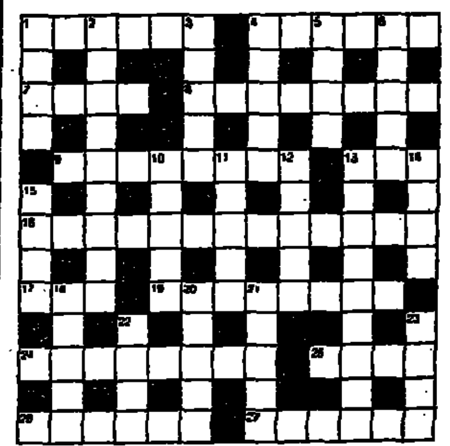
And at the end of the first hour the chairman turned to Derek Taylor and said: "Derek, I can't help noticing that after 60 minutes you still haven't said a single thing. If there is anything you'd like to say, now is your chance."

"I haven't really got anything to say except this", Derek Taylor said. "For the last hour I've listened to everything you've said, and I haven't understood a single word of it. This might worry me, except that I also realize there are hundreds of thousands of people like me at home, listening to this programme and wondering what on earth it's all about.

"That's why I think I'm performing a valuable function here. The viewers can look at me and say, 'He hasn't the faintest idea what's going on either'. I am someone actually on the television screen that they can identify with. That's all I want to say. I don't want to say anything else for the rest of the programme."

And nor he did, though I waited and waited. I can't swear that this magnificent speech was exactly as I've written it down after 19 years, but I do find it interesting that I can remember his name, the shape of what he said, and nothing else about the programme at all. Wherever you are, Derek Taylor, I salute you. Your words have taken me through more TV programmes, Sunday newspapers, and painful dinner parties than anything else I've ever heard or read.

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## FINDINGS

A series reporting on research: SUICIDE

### Desperate measures

Sociology was partly the product of suicide or, at least, of the study of suicide statistics. One of the subject's founding fathers, the Frenchman Emile Durkheim, hoped to use these statistics to prove that sociology could become a precise science.

He attempted to correlate fluctuations in the numbers of suicides with the trends in society. He believed he had shown that, during periods of turmoil, the suicide rate went up. Social change seemed to encourage people to put an end to it all.

Recently, there has been much debate about whether unemployment causes an increase in suicides. And, for much of the 1970s, there was something close to medical panic about the numbers of attempted suicides. They rose, year by year, to something like 200,000 annual attempts.

Some doctors following Durkheim blamed social change, permissiveness and the decay of family life. But studies increasingly showed that it was the prescribing habits of doctors which did as much harm as anything. Large doses of anti-depressants gave vulnerable people the perfect weapon for suicide.

Since the late 1970s, there has been some evidence that doctors are prescribing more cautiously. That may reduce casualties, but it doesn't begin to explain why people take such extreme steps.

A recent issue of the *British Journal of Psychiatry* has brought together a number of recent research reports on suicide. None of them are comforting reading.



Romantic image: the death of Chatterton

### Lingering relic

*The eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries saw suicide as a little romantic. The poet did himself in, in his garret, for love, or fame, or both.*

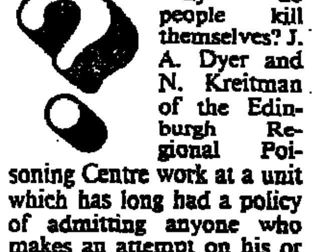
*Since 1950, suicide has become a medical problem but there are still odd relics of that romantic attitude. For instance, we tend to believe that those who threaten to kill themselves will do nothing about it. If it's all words, there's no risk.*

*Workers at the MRC Clinical Psychiatry Unit at Graylingwell Hospital followed up 1,263 attempted suicides to see if any of the psychological tests used predicted well those who might try again. That could alert doctors and social workers.*

*Using the Beck Scale, they found that those who showed the highest "suicidal intent" were, in fact, most likely to try again.*

*Very roughly, follow-up studies suggest that 10 per cent of those who make one serious attempt will eventually kill themselves. It seems clear from this finding about "suicidal intent" that families and the "caring" professions have to learn to take threats more seriously than legends advise us to.*

### The reason why



Why do people kill themselves? J. A. Dyer and N. Kreitman of the Edinburgh Regional Poisoning Centre work at a unit which has long had a policy of admitting anyone who makes an attempt on his or her life. No one is just stitched up, pumped out – and sent out.

The authors note that there have been studies which have tried to examine patients' feelings of depression and hopelessness but, usually, the patients are asked how depressed and hopless they feel when they wake up in hospital. By then it's rather too late.

Dyer and Kreitman say that asking patients "prior to the act. . . seems the correct thing to do", if one wants to understand why.

They investigated 120 subjects as soon as possible after admission. They wanted patients to remember what they felt like just before they made the attempt. Six of the 120 were unable to give a clear description of what they felt like when they did 'it'. The score of the other 114 revealed, not surprisingly, that they felt both very depressed and hopeless. Statistical analysis suggested that hopelessness was the key element, combined with the prospect that nothing will change.

### Increase in deaths

**While attempted suicides rose between 1965-75, the number of suicides actually fell. But, as research at Guy's Hospital found, suicide rates increased again from 1975 on.**

**In 1975, 2,184 men committed suicide in England and Wales; by 1980, the number has risen to 2,629, an increase of 21 per cent. The increase among women was smaller.**

**In 1975, 1,509 committed suicide while, in 1980, 1,692 did so. Among males, the most substantial increases were among men under 34, and those over 75.**

### Changing methods

There has been a change in the methods individuals use to kill themselves. Gas has become less common but, for some reason, violent methods of death have increased. Since 1975, there has been a significant rise in the number of suicides using firearms, hanging and, largest of all, suffocation in cars.

**David Cohen**

WEDNESDAY PAGE

# Surrogate baby

**Whether surrogate motherhood, or "womb-leasing" should be permitted in Britain is one of the key issues before the government-appointed Warnock Committee on artificial reproduction, due to report in June. The committee is deeply divided, some members believing it should be banned, with a prohibition on agencies and mothers charging fees. Others that, properly regulated, it could help the childless.**

**In the United States, surrogate agencies already exist. In Britain, none does officially although one in America is reported to be planning to open a British branch in Surrey. An attempt to ban such a move has already been made through a private member's bill in Parliament. In the United States, more than 100 surrogate babies have been born and controversy is fanned by newspaper advertisements offering $10,000 to surrogate mothers. Many church leaders are opposed. Some states propose to regulate it, others to ban it. Nicholas Timmins has talked to a surrogate mother and the parents who received her child about their experience.**

## The child

Amanda Johnson (not her real name) is a beautiful, beefy, bouncing 11-month-old little girl. She is a surrogate child. In the language of the banner headline she is a "$20,000 baby", the product of "rent-a-womb" and "babies for sale".

Those headlines make her parents, Ron and Sally, furious. To them she is the child they always wanted, their baby and nobody else's, and the fact that she was born to another woman – a surrogate mother – inseminated by Ron's sperm, implies nothing immoral or unethical.

With the government-appointed Warnock Committee pondering whether surrogacy should be banned, and the British Medical Association advising doctors to have nothing to do with it, Amanda's parents believe the argument for surrogate motherhood is going by default in a blaze of antagonistic headlines.

Ron and Sally are churchgoing Americans. Aged 34 and 33, they met at college and married 14 years ago. For the past four years they have lived in England, Ron working as an executive engineer with an American-owned company. Some eight years ago they began to try seriously for a child.

Since then, Sally, a vivacious, intense, vocal mid-Westerner, has had three miscarriages, six or seven exploratory operations, blocked fallopian tubes (the tubes that carry the ova to the womb), and an operation in England to try to repair them.

Time, they felt, was running out. "Until you have lived through infertility", Sally says, "nobody can comprehend it."

### Society has no compassion for the infertile

The waiting and the hoping, month by month. The endless visits to doctors. The operations, and the infertility clinics "where you sit in a queue with 50 pregnant women, surrounded by the paraphernalia of childbirth.

"Our society", she says, "has absolutely no compassion for the infertile, and its damn near time we got some."

Over the years, they have considered almost every option. The tubal surgery may yet work, but is uncertain. Adoption, Sally says, "went out with abortion. It's just not available any more. There's a five to seven year waiting list".

They considered a test-tube baby. But Ron says that would have meant another operation, £2,000 a try in a private hospital, a success rate that is too low, "and perhaps more false hopes".

They even thought about a black market child, something they say is easier to acquire than most people realize. But that would be illegal.

They settled on seeing whether another woman would have a child for them after reading a *Time* magazine article about Noel P. Keane, a Michigan lawyer who founded the first surrogate agency in the United States in 1976.

Sally says she had reservations. "I thought, these women who have babies for other people, they are just going to be prostitutes off the street."

Experience taught her otherwise. Keane's agency, she says, screens both recipients and potential surrogate mothers carefully. Those who are unstable, doing it because they are desperate for money, or who have poor medical and genetic histories, are weeded out.

The agency accepted them, and a list of 10 women with photographs, their motives, and their job, marital, educational and medical histories was sent.

"I wanted a divorced woman with children, preferably a boy and a girl," Sally says. "Someone who had children and knew what was involved: a happy divorcee who was not promiscuous."

"As soon as I saw Helen, I knew she was perfect. She was studying to be a nurse, two children, a perfect record and psychological history."

Ron and Sally's records were sent to Helen. She accepted them. Ron flew to Michigan to donate his sperm to a frozen sperm bank.

Five months later, after repeated artifical inseminations, Helen was pregnant. Ron had met her briefly in Michigan and given her his phone number. Sally says: "One day the phone just went and it was Helen saying: "Congratulations, Mrs Johnson, you've going to be a parent in eight months. I just went weak."

There were, she says, anxieties. What if Helen changed her mind and kept the child? "I tried not to think about that; it was ridiculous."

For the birth they all flew to Hawaii. Each state's adoption laws vary in the USA, and Hawaii's were simple and fast, Ron says.

Helen and Sally met for the first time. "She was like my best friend. I felt she was my sister. It takes someone as close as a sister to do something like that out of love."

The baby was born by Caesarian section, with Ron and Sally watching just outside the operating theatre. As it was born, Helen shouted through: "It's a girl." "The doctor put her in my arms," Sally says. "I was so happy I just cried."

The three of them spent parts of the next few days together, Helen teaching Sally some of the arts of motherhood. On the final day, Ron says, Helen put the baby in Sally's arms and made a rehearsed speech. "She's your child," she said. "She's always been your child. This is my most precious gift to you and I know there will never be a day when she will be unloved."

"It was," says Ron, "an emotional moment. There were tears rolling down her cheeks."

Nearly 12 months later and 4,000 miles apart, contact is very limited. Ron and Sally send photographs of Amanda to Helen at Christmas. Birthday photographs will probably be sent.

Ron says there has not been too much contact because: "We have to make the break". There is a photograph album loaded with pictures of Hawaii, Ron, Sally, Amanda and the days round the birth: but none of Helen. They are kept separately.

Amanda, they say, will be brought up knowing her origins. At some point they would like her to meet Helen. "I almost hope Amanda wants to meet her sometime, because she's a tremendous person. If Amanda wants to see her, it's her choice . . . at some time . . . I wouldn't stop her."

People's reactions to what they have done have varied. Friends and neighbours have been curious about the sudden appearance of a baby, "but most, when they find out what is really involved, think it is wonderful".

There are pressures. But she says they are tolerable. "I sometimes feel I have to be Supermum. I can't just be normal. I am under judgment".

Amanda cost her parents $20,000 (£13,000). Ten thousand (£6,500) went to Helen, $5,000 (£3,225) to the agency, and another $5,000 in the trips to Michigan and Hawaii.

She says: "How can society justify an abortion every three and a half minutes and condemn us. It's hypocritical to say you can kill your child, but to create one is immoral. I don't feel I rented a womb, and nobody has been hurt. We pay fees, but only to reimburse someone for their time and service. The result is a lot of happiness. When you talk of "rent-a-womb" or buying babies, you turn something very beautiful into something very dirty. It's not like that".



**Amanda: "The name means to love and to be loved", her mother says. "I may not have carried that baby in my womb, but I carried her in my heart".**

## The law

**Surrogating raises a plethora of legal and moral issues, such as who owns the baby, what happens if one party changes its mind, what is the legitimacy of the child.**

**Ron argues that surrogating should be regulated, controlled by legislation, but not banned.**

**Without legislation, he says: "there will be disasters". He addressed the issues in turn. First is that there must be proper screening of both the natural mother and the recipients, much on the lines adoption agencies use.**

**Then, he says, there is the touchy issue of fees. Talk by a proposed British agency of £16,000 for a baby is, he says, "disproportionate".**

**The $5,000 (£3,225) agency fee was reasonable for the services provided he says, – the screening, matching, psychiatric interviews, and legal adoption work. The British equivalent might be £2,000.**

**The $10,000 (£6,500) for the mother, he says, is not a sum for "buying a baby", but simple compensation for the mother for her action and potential loss of earnings for the six months she cannot work while pregnant and immediately after the birth.**

**Ten thousand dollars is 60% of an good American secretary's salary – the British equivalent might be £4,000. The fees, he says, should be regulated. "It is not paying for the child, but compensating the mother for her time".**

**On the legal questions, he argues there should be a proper "contract", on the lines that the more reputable American agencies are developing.**

**If the natural mother decides to keep the child, there could be either a standard custody case (the child being genetically the father's as well as the natural mother's), or the mother would keep it and return all fees. With proper screening, he argues, such cases should be rare.**

**If the child is handicapped, and the adoptive parents refuse it, they should be legally liable for its support. If the natural mother rejects it, the prospective parents are still liable, and the options of adoption, or institutional care in severe cases, remain – a problem no different to ordinary couples rejecting a child.**

**"Surrogating is unlike the case where a woman is preganant and is induced to part with the child for a large fee – a black market adoption. The contract is entered into for the sole purpose of creating a child for the prospective parents. There is no devious intent to deprive the mother of a child she has planned and dearly wants."**

**Banning surrogacy, he says, will push the childless to the black market. "We are too early for the real advance of medical sciences which my in time be virtually able to guarantee you a child, and we are too late for adoption because of abortion. We do need an option".**

## The mother

Helen is a gentle, East Coast American. Five foot three, 10 stone, brown eyes and curly hair. Married at 17, divorced at 21, she is now 25 and with a little girl of six and boy of four.

From a Bible-reading Methodist background, she is now studying to be a nurse.

Almost 12 months after giving birth to Amanda and handing her over, she has, she says: "no regrets, no second thoughts".

Why did she do it? "I like having babies", she says. "I enjoy being pregnant. Some people hate it, but I like it, I really do. I thought it was one way I could help people. I am going into the nursing field, and I thought it was another way I could help somebody".

Her marriage at 17, she says, was "something I wanted, something he didn't". After the divorce she wanted to be pregnant again. The children were reaching school age. "I kept seeing a lot of pregnant ladies and thought 'gosh I want to be that way again'. I'm not married and don't feel right now I am going to be married in the future. For me to have children I would want to be married and this was one way I could be pregnant and help somebody. I have a family, I've had the experience, I know what a joy it is."

She heard of and contacted Keane's agency, and went through the screening tests.

She didn't really want the money. "I didn't want Amanda ever to feel she was bought and sold. Ron argued me into it. You have children to raise, he said. I still didn't want it. He kept saying you can put it in the bank and save it for the kids.

"It was a big thing with the psychiatrist. He kept saying 'why don't you want the money?'. It was just something I wanted to do. I was going to do it for free." In the end, she banked the money for the children.

Did she ever have second thoughts? She says not, though there were moments of high emotion. Meeting Sally for the first time, hugging and kissing her in a Hawaii hotel lobby, and seeing her delight at first handling the baby.

There were bad moments too. "The first day after I handed her over I felt terrible. I went to lunch and I felt really empty. I cried, just cried. But the next day I felt really different, very good. I felt I have made someone happy, just by doing what I have done."

The other great wrench, she says, was signing the adoption papers, renouncing her maternal rights. "The language was so blunt. You give up this, you give up that. I thought 'I'm not giving that up, I'm giving her to someone to take care of and enjoy."

Does she, twelve months on, miss her daughter. "Sure I think about her a lot. Does she crawl, does she walk, what's she look like. Just motherhood curiosity. Some days I have a day when it seems strange, I do my work, do my study, and then I look at calendar and its the 6th, her birthday, and I think 'gosh, she's so many months old, I wonder what she's doing."

"I miss her like that. I'd like to hold her and kiss and hug her, but I always want to hand her back too. I told them at the beginning she will always be theirs. Sally is her mother now, but it's nice to know what she's doing."

Since the birth, she says, she has only had some photographs and a letter at Christmas. Two or three of her letters have gone unanswered. "I'm a little bit disappointed with that. They have their life to live, though they might send a few more pictures and a letter."

Her parents, she says, backed her in what she did and most people have been positive. "There was really only one person who said 'how cruel, how selfish, how could you carry a baby and give it up?' But that's not my feeling. If a baby is made out of love and gives a chance to people to raise children who couldn't have raised children, what's wrong with that?" Her own children know all about Amanda.

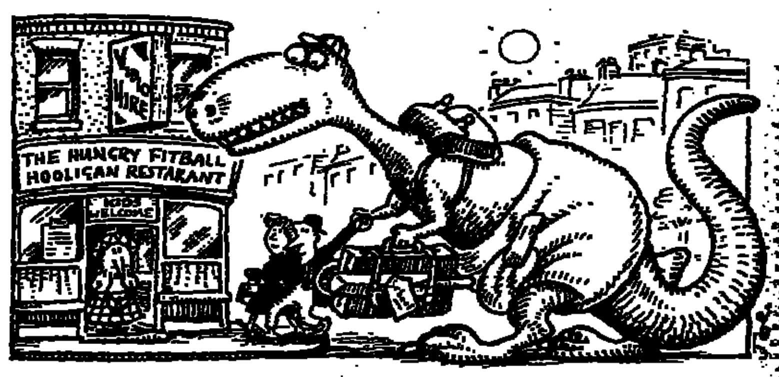
Would she do it again? "I would want at least two years to get my body back into shape. I would like to do it again, but Amanda was born by Caesarian and I don't know how that might affect my chances of having other children.

"If I got married again I would still want to give my husband children. But I sure would like to do it again.

"I don't think I will ever have any regrets. I haven't yet and I don't think I ever will. When Amanda's older and if we discuss this and she was negative, I think that would hurt, but I wouldn't regret it. It's made her parents awfully happy, and I think she'd have to come to terms with that herself."

## ALAN FRANKS' DIARY

# The monster claims another victim




Suddenly the video is indispensable. I suppose the motor car, the curling tong and even the wheel went through sticky patches when they were trying to catch on. As ever it is children who are proving to be the most effective advertising medium. Once a quorum of families in the road (say three or four) have a set, the pressure on you to do likewise is intense. "You're not just mean, you're poor as well," is a typical response to parental prevarication. The great attraction of the video is of course that you can free yourself and your children from the tyranny of the TV schedule, re-ordering it to your own convenience. That is the theory; unfortunately I have the distinct feeling that new and worse tyrannies will arise. None the less, here comes the equipment, and there goes another £20 a month. It all looks highly complex but the men from Granada Rentals say a child of five could work it. I wait for the child of five to return from school and thrust the manual into her hand

*Rumour has it that the Street Radical is planning to send his children to a private school. This will not do. Granted, the borough has one of the highest state opt-out rates in the country, and therefore the comprehensive sector is woefully impaired. Nevertheless the Street Radical has long held the view that if the middle class would only invest in the local provision – "voting with their kids" he called it – then the discrepancy would gradually disappear. Now it seems that things have changed. By which I mean that his father-in-law died last December, leaving a large sum of money in trust for his grandchildren. The Street Radical is claiming that he has no choice but to honour the posthumous wishes of his wife's father. I cannot help but wonder what the Radical would have said if some "imperative" from beyond the grave had demanded an ideological shift in another area of his life – a change of job, perhaps, or of home, or of partner.*

I read that Peaudouce has helped to compile a directory of restaurants where you can take children. I didn't know there were such places north of Calais; the standard English *patron* eyes very young customers with the same mixture of fear and hatred which most people reserve for Scottish football fans. I would have thought you could count the number of child-tolerant eating houses on the fingers of a rude sign, but the directory has a surprising number of entries. The fact of the matter is, I'm sure, that if you make children feel like outlaws, they will repay the compliment by acting that way. In France no one gives a damn if kids roam the avenues between the tables; and because no one gives a damn, the children cannot present themselves as nuisances. We on the other hand seem to demand of our young that they ape our own behaviour – that is, sit with ramrod backs and handle the cruet correctly. Oh, to be in France now that spring is here.

Even without opening the book, I am well disposed towards Peaudouce, as I think of them as the people who have given us an alternative to the grim routine of safety pins and towelling. Before they came along with their simple (but expensive) devices of plastic and adhesive, nappy duty was a hideous ordeal, and the world was clearly divided into those who could and those who could not perform it.

*The video is a disaster. The trouble is that although power is meant to bring responsibility in its wake, my children are only interested in the former. The logic behind their programme planning is relentless:* Godzilla *is followed by* Godzilla *which will be followed by* Godzilla. *There will then be a short break for rewinding, after which you will have another chance to see* Godzilla. *There is a magic new word in currency here, which I think is spelt "recalleding," and covers any activity related to the video. Hence, "Can I recalled* Godzilla*?" does not necessarily mean "Can I commit it to tape?" but rather "Can I watch it for the 57th time?" In the same way the parental response, which is pronounced "No" actually means: "Oh, probably. I couldn't face another fuss." It is terrible how we become the slaves of our own inventions (viz children). One of the troubles is that we only have one cassette, the free one that came with the machine. (What household could afford video cassettes as well as Peaudouce nappies?) Take last Sunday. I was out during the day and decided to record the Brian Walden programme for a later viewing. But when I play it back, there's Walden, just five seconds into his intro, suddenly swept from the screen by . . .* Godzilla. *"What went wrong?" I asked the children. "The man was too frightening," came the reply.*



# Cinnamon's subtle warmth

## THE TIMES COOK

### Shona Crawford Poole

Cinnamon is one of the most widely used spices and plays a part in almost every cuisine. It is an essential ingredient of five-spice powder, the ubiquitous Chinese seasoning which also contains star anise, anise pepper, cloves and fennel seeds.

In Indonesia cinnamon is called *kayu manis*, literally sweet wood, and there, as in the Arab world, its warmth is used to scent lamb and poultry.

Mexican markets sell quills of cinnamon, 3ft long, to be ground and blended with chillies and chocolate in the country's infamous turkey recipe, *guajolote con mole poblano*.

In northern Europe and North America it is the sweetness of cinnamon that is most often emphasized in apple pies and strudels. Danish pastries, biscuits and cinnamon toast. And it crops up too in traditional mincemeat, a survivor of the medieval practice of spicing and sweetening meat-based dishes.

Like saffron, another warm and woody spice, cinnamon can be a subtle and unexpected addition to meat and also fish – the two flavours are used together in a classic Indian pillau of rice. American *Vogue's* restaurant critic, revisiting old haunts in Paris, reports enjoying a mussel soup which included "a hint of cinnamon as well as the more usual saffron". I have not waited to taste the soup he reviewed before trying this idea at home.

**Mussel soup**
*Serves three to four*

3 litres (5½ pints) mussels (a 2 kilo/5lb bag)
1 small onion, finely chopped
300 ml (½ pint) dry white wine
Sprig of parsley
30g (1oz) butter
1 tablespoon flour
150ml (¼ pint) double cream
A pinch of saffron strands or 1 sachet of powdered saffron
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Like all shellfish, mussels should be cooked and eaten as soon as possible after they are harvested. Most of the mussels sold now are farmed and if they are as fresh as they should be when you buy them, will keep for up to 24 hours in the salad drawer of the refrigerator. Leave them wrapped in the perforated plastic bag in which they are sold, or tip them into a bowl and cover them loosely.

Wash the mussels in several changes of cold running water and, if necessary, scrub them to get rid of mud, seaweed and loose barnacles. Do not leave them to soak. Discard any with broken shells and all those that do not snap shut when tapped.

Put the cleaned mussels in a large pot with the onion, wine and parsley. Bring quickly to the boil, cover and shake the pan over a high heat for about five minutes, or until the mussels have opened. They are cooked as soon as they have opened widely and not improved by further cooking, which only shrinks and toughens them.

Drain the mussels, saving and straining the cooking liquid. When they are cool enough to handle, remove the mussels from their shells, cover and set them aside.

Rinse and dry the pan, and melt the butter in it. Stir in the flour and cook the roux over a low heat for a minute or two before gradually stirring in the reserved cooking liquid, made up if need be with water to 600 ml (1 pint). Bring the soup to the boil, stirring constantly until it is smooth and slightly thickened.

If you are using strands of saffron, heat or toast them lightly and soak them in a tablespoon or two of hot water. Powdered saffron can be added directly to the soup.

Stir in the cream, followed by the saffron, ground cinnamon and salt and pepper to taste. Add the mussels and simmer the soup just until the mussels are hot again. Check the seasoning and serve at once.

A taste for cold roast lamb would be a convenient preference in a household which enjoys the meat hot. But we have never managed to acquire it. Moussaka is one popular way of using lamb leftovers, and another is a spicy lamb pizza.

**Spicy lamb pizza**
*Serves four to six*

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
225 g (8 oz) minced cooked lamb
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground cumin
Small tin peeled tomatoes
Salt and freshly ground pepper
Pizza dough (made with 225g (8oz) strong flour, salt, ¼ teaspoon dried yeast, 8 tablespoons milk, 2 tablespoons olive oil and 1 small egg

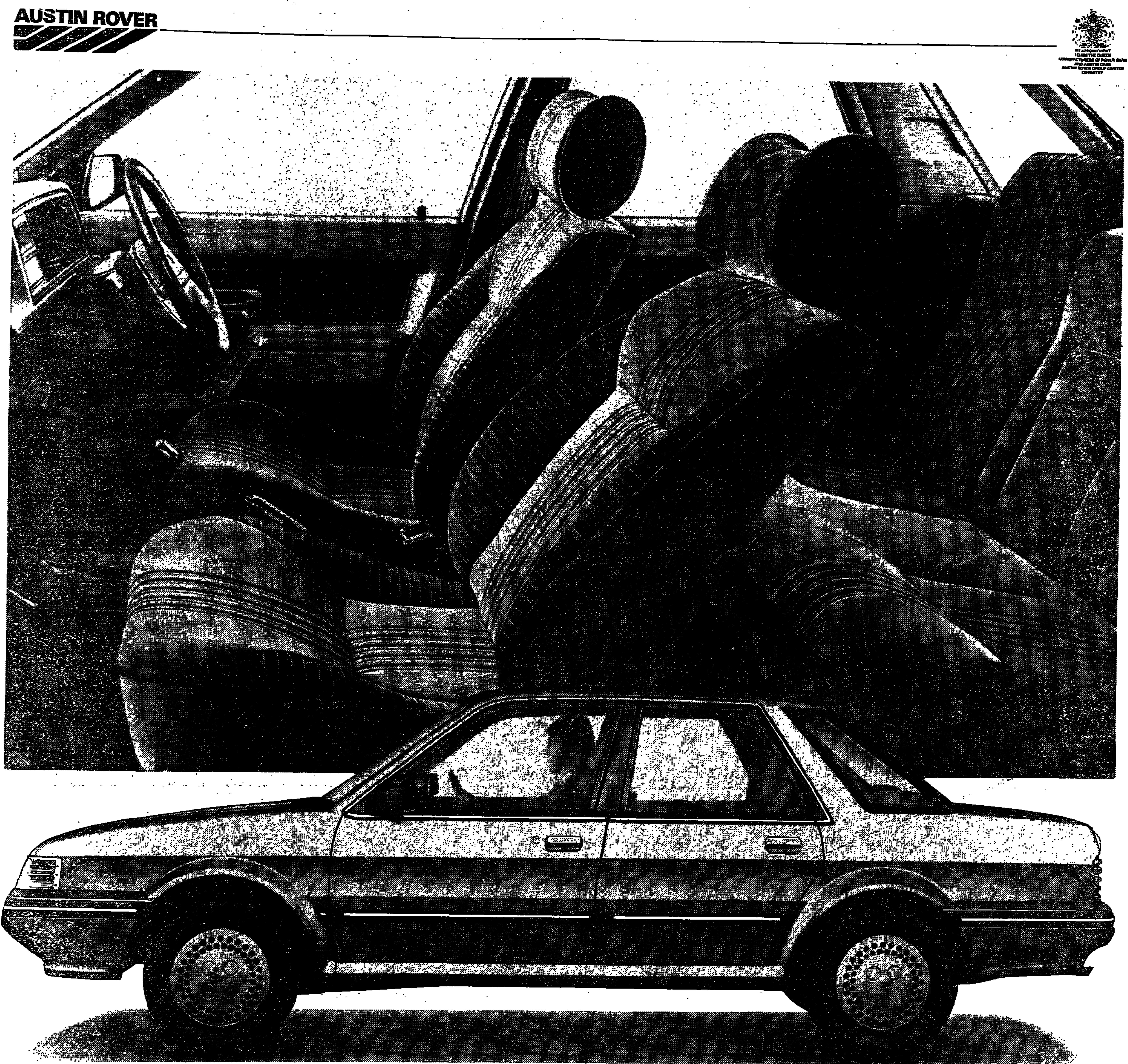
To make the topping, heat the oil and fry the onion in it until it is tender. Add the meat and allow it and the onion to brown a little. Add the crushed garlic cloves and stir in the cinnamon and cumin and tomatoes. Season the mixture with salt and pepper and simmer it gently until most of the liquid has evaporated and the mixture is quite thick. Leave it to cool.

Roll out the pizza dough thinly, and transfer it to an oiled ovenproof platter or metal baking sheet. Spread the topping to within 2.5 cm (1 in) of the edge of the dough. Dribble a little chilli-flavoured oil over the topping, or sprinkle it very lightly with cayenne and a tablespoon or so of olive oil. Allow the pizza to rest for about 10 minutes before baking it in a pre-heated very hot oven (250°C/500°F, gas mark 9) for 15 to 20 minutes. Serve hot or warm with lashings of salad.




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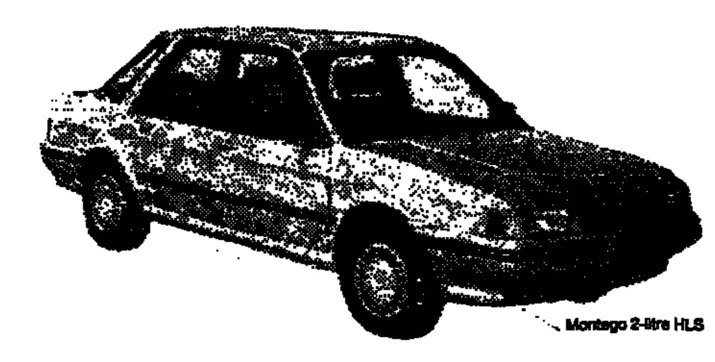
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# The new Montego


Montego 2-litre HLS

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The men behind the Montego: from the left, Harold Musgrove, chairman of Austin Rover, Andrew Barr and Mark Snowdon: "No longer should competitors be able to take the cream of the business."

**Today Austin Rover launch the Montego, part of a £200m investment to win the fierce battle for sales here and abroad. Clifford Webb, our motoring correspondent, reports on the car and the people who built it**

Without an effective contender in the upper medium car sector for the past 20 years BL has been fighting a losing battle against the relentless growth of Ford initially and Vauxhall more recently. As a senior Austin Rover executive put it: "Not having a Cortina or Cavalier in our line-up was like having one arm tied behind our back."

The relief at having at last broken free to take on the competition with both fists swinging was so obvious at the press preview of Montego that Harold Musgrove, chairman and chief executive, became quite emotional. He said: "For the past three years I have had to sit and take it while our competitors took the cream. Yet all that time I knew we had a real winner in LM 11 (Montego's code name). Metro saved our bacon, Maestro pointed the way ahead but Montego will unlock the door not only to bigger sales at home but also to help us to build networks in overseas markets."

With Montego and Maestro Austin Rover has a formidable range of four door notchback and five-door hatchbacks covering the whole of the medium sector. Last year this sector accounted for more than 1 million sales in Britain or six out of every 10 cars sold.

The upper medium sector now being tackled by Montego was alone reponsible for 25 per cent of the entire market or more than 483,000 registrations. But by far the most significant aspect is that 60 per cent of the cars sold in the upper medium sector went to companies and fleet operators. It was Austin Rover's very poor showing here with outdated Itals and Ambassadors that did the most damage to its overall penetration.

No other market has such high proportion of cars going to business and professional buyers. It is no longer sufficient for a manufacturer to offer merely an adequate, reliable, competitively priced car, although that was what Ford did with the immensely successful Cortina for more than 20 years. Today it is estimated that half of all fleet and company drivers in this sector have a say in the selection.

Manufacturers must pay particular attention to their needs by offering a wide range at the right price. Austin Rover has long enjoyed the potential benefit of being the only 100 per cent British car maker. This has meant that it has figured prominently in the list of cars preferred by many firms.

However, without suitable modern contenders in its line-up, it has not been able to capitalize on this enormous advantage and firms have reluctantly transferred their allegiance to imported makes.

Austin Rover still had to get the right appeal built into Montego. Market research has shown that buyers in its sector are looking for something a little different – not too way-out or the boss may have something to say – but different enough to give it character. Once upon a time the men at Austin Morris and Rover looked upon secret research clinics to test public reaction as being totally unnecessary. They were confident enough of their own expertise to be able to create demand for their product. Those days have gone. Montego was "cliniced" extensively in Britain and the Continent from its earliest conception right up to the final signing-off for production.

In addition, because of its importance to fleet buyers, representative numbers of them were invited to view prototypes and drive them. They were also among the first to be flown to the South of France to test early production models on the demanding mountain roads behind Nice and at high speed on the autoroutes.

Montego and Maestro are the result of a £210m investment programme which has allowed the company to build both cars on the extensively automated facilities at Cowley. The key to cost-effective production today is to make maximum use of parts common to as many models as possible and to assemble them in plants which are flexible enough to switch from one model to another to meet changing trends in demand.

Austin Rover executives react angrily to suggestions that Montego is simply a Maestro with a boot. It is not, but there is such a strong family resemblance that you could be forgiven for thinking that it was a Maestro chopped in two through the "B" pillar with a new back end grafted on. In fact 60 per cent of Maestro's body pressings are used in the newcomer yet Austin Rover claims with justification that it has nevertheless created a distinctive identity.

There is more to come from the same family tree. An estate-car version has already been developed and will probably be launched at the British Motor Show in October. This one model alone will particularly please Austin Rover's dealers, who have had to stand idly by while the new Sierra and Cavalier estate cars – not to mention a whole flock from continental and Japanese makers – scooped up the growing demand for well-appointed but competitively priced load-carriers.

The eight-car Montego range with 1.3, 1.6 and 2 litre engines in various stages of tune and with four-speed, five-speed and automatic transmission options, will almost certainly be extended to over a dozen versions with the arrival of the Montego estate, together with the similar eight-strong Maestro range that gives Austin Rover the sort of drawing power its dealers have been yearning for since the halycon days of the much-loved 1100 range.

Montego at 14.6ft is 16in longer than the Maestro. It is also 4in longer than the Cavalier, 2in longer than the Sierra. In the fleet market the added security of a boot in which to lock samples is often the clincher that wins big contracts. But the boot serves another important purpose. It helps to make the car look bigger all round and there are plenty of fleet buyers who want the biggest possible perceived package to keep their reps happy when they pull up in the clients' car park alongside the competition's smaller but equally costly car.

Since October 1980 when Metro made its debut, we have seen the Honda-designed Acclaim attempting to hold the line until Maestro came along in March 1983 and a year later Montego. An extensively redesigned Acclaim, almost certainly rebadged as a Rover instead of Triumph, is due out this summer. It will be followed in 1985 by Project XX, the up-market executive saloon designed jointly by Austin Rover and Honda and intended for simultaneous production in both countries. It will almost certainly carry Austin Rover's banner back to the United States for the first time in many years and could be the cornerstone on which to build a new retail network in the world's biggest car market.

But even with his two car plants, Longbridge and Cowley reaching a 10-year high last year, producing more than 450,000 cars, Mr Musgrove is determined not to put too many of his eggs into one export market – no matter how tempting the short-term gains. He knows that even when he reaches his potential capacity of 750,000 cars a year he will still not be big enough to aspire to import leadership in any major overseas market. By spreading his effort, particularly in Europe, he will also be protecting himself against unexpected market swings.

He is equally adamant that he now has the model range to take on the best that Europe can offer. And for a man who has looked forward to this day for six frustrating years, that is cause for becoming more than a little emotional.

## Three engines for eight great cars

Though 60 per cent of the body pressings are shared with Maestro, Austin Rover executives insist that it is no mere Maestro. In fact the only recognizable exterior body features common to both are the lower door panels with their long side flutes. Front-end panels are all new with a steeply raked bonnet line sweeping down from concealed windscreen wipers to styled headlamps in an extended front overhang.

The basic floor pan, that unseen but critical part of any car, is modified to provide Montego with a 101in wheelbase – 2.3in more than Maestro. The overall length of 175.9in is nearly 17in longer. This has enabled Austin Rover to create a more space-efficient package than Maestro, itself a leader in its class. The extra rear legroom makes it an ideal family car.

The boot has 18.4 cubic feet of load space with the added advantage on HL models and above of a 60/40 split fold on the squab to cope with long or awkward loads.

The eight-car range uses three engine sizes: 1300cc, 1600cc and 2000cc. The smallest, the 1300 A Plus, is similar to the redesigned unit used in Maestro. It has an engine-management system using breakerless ignition, electronic fuel control, a fuel cut-off device on the over-run and an automatic choke.

Austin Rover claims this combination is normally found only on the most advanced fuel injection systems and provides much better fuel economy. Information is fed to the carburettor from sensors in the engine, enabling it to respond to temperature, throttle opening and engine revs. Extensive testing suggests that the system will run for 24,000 miles before the ignition and carburettor require attention.

The most important arrival is the new 1600cc "S" series engine. It bears some family resemblance to the early "E" and "R" series engines, but reflects a stage of development which those unfortunate engines never received.

To generations of drivers accustomed to the relatively slow-revving Austin and Morris engines, the "S" is an eye-opener. It revs so freely and seems so "unburstable" that it might well be Italian. In its standard version, it covers 0 to 60 mph in 10.9 secs. and will do 102 mph.

The 2000cc engine is an uprated version of the "C" series used in the Rover 2000 and the Ambassador. Cylinder head improvements and a return to a single instead of twin carburetter lay-out have increased power and torque. In the MG EFi versioin it uses the Lucas "L" type fuel injection. All Montego models use an end-on transmission layout.

The use of a five-speed Honda gearbox on the bigger "O" series cars has already led to speculation that it is destined to play a much bigger role in Austin Rover's future plans beginning with Project XX, the new Austin Rover-Honda-designed executive saloon which will make its appearance next year and be produced simultaneously in both countries.

The top gear is particularly long-legged, requiring only 2600 rpm at 70 mph. However, the MG EFi uses a close ratio version, in which fifth gear is the equivalent of a normal fourth gear. This makes for much snappier acceleration, but there were times during fast runs on the French auturoute when I found the engine noise thrashy and tiring.

The suspension system is identical to Maestro's but uprated to cope with the extra weight. There is a considerable change however in the wheels and tyres used on Montegos above the 1.3 and 1.6 models with the introduction of the "TD" wheel and tyre concept.

This combines Dunlop's Denloc retention system and Michelin's "TR" rim and sidewall construction. It does not have a "run flat" capability in the form fitted to Montego but the tyre stays on the rim after puncturing, enabling the driver to bring it to a halt without loss of control.

In my view, however, the biggest step forward in Montego's equipment is the least obvious: its seat belts. I long ago came to terms with them because of their enormous contribution to safe driving. That is to say, I wear them at all times but like most drivers – amd women in particular – I find the pull across my chest and thighs very irritating if not tiring on a long run.

Montego's retention is so gentle and unassuming that for the first time you can forget you are wearing a safety belt.

A second feature of Montego's belts is the adjustable top anchorage for front seats. With four positions to chose from there is no longer any need for shorter drivers to be throttled.

# The last 'man only' job falls to the robots

Austin Rover has used the launch of the Montego to introduce new design and manufacturing technologies at its Cowley plant which have transformed methods of working, productivity and quality.

It has broken entirely new ground in the rapidly changing world of robotics by introducing them to the last stronghold of manual labour, the trim and final assembly line. For the first time anywhere robots are fitting front and rear screens as cars pass down a moving track.

Austin Rover has developed the system with the VS Technology group of Luton and it has been patented for worldwide sales to other motor manufacturers.

A direct glazing method is used on Montego to bond glass to the body. This not only makes a smoother joint, improving aerodynamics and appearance but is said to produce a stronger body structure.

On a platform above the assembly line, two robots apply carefully controlled amounts of adhesive to the front and rear screens. They are then transferred to a rotating rack which delivers them to the production line below.

The key feature of the system is its ability to position the screens accurately to one millimetre regardless of the position of the body shell. A special under-body lifting device secures it into the robot station while the two long-reach robot arms fit the screens.

The screens themselves are picked up by the robots using suction pads. The actual fitting operation is monitored by cameras mounted to the robot heads. Information is fed back to a central processing unit which automatically readjusts the body position.

Andy Barr, Austin Rover's managing director (operations), insists that the main aim of robot glazing is not to replace human labour. He said: "Every investment in a new robot must be justified on the grounds of improved quality and increased efficiency. That was the philosophy behind the decision to tackle glazing as a priority for robotization.

"It is a key area in terms of product quality and customer satisfaction and in the interests of efficiency we set out from the beginning to develop systems capable of operating at normal track speeds."

The impact of CAE (Computer Aided Engineering) is one of the most far reaching developments in modern industry. Tasks which used to take days and even weeks using conventional drafting techniques are now completed in minutes with a computer VDU (Visual Display Unit) and a light pen.

Austin Rover has invested over £12m to install 200 CAE work stations, most of them at Cowley which now has one of the largest CAE concentrations in Europe.

Montego was developed like Maestro as one of a family of medium cars. But where Maestro was the first Austin Rover product to have its skin panels developed using CAE, many of Montego's interior components have also been engineered in this way. So too have the tools used to produce both exterior and interior panels and components.

## Secret of the metallic finish

When Maestro appeared a year ago management made it clear that as the rest of the LC 10 family appeared and volume built up so would the introduction of robots and automation in other forms. Maestro would not alone have justified the entire £147m investment which has occurred at Cowley in the past two years.

The Montego/Maestro body build system called BUSCON (build sequence control system) is used to monitor and control the movement of panels, subassemblies and completed body shells. Cowley management regards it as a vital tool to achieve internationally competitive levels of efficiency.

The paint plant has been refurbished at a cost of £11m and is part of an area which has seen substantial improvements in Austin Rover paint finish in recent years. A fully automatic pre-treatment and priming plant with a capacity of 72 vehicles an hour is the first high volume, total immersion plant in Britain.

The paint track splits into two at the colour coat stage, each with a capacity of 36 cars an hour. One is used for Montego and one for Maestro. Metallic finishes are obtained with a clear lacquer coat over the base coat. As on Maestro, the big wraparound thermoplastic bumpers are fitted before the painting process and are able to be matched perfectly for colour.

An interesting new develop ontrolled test system for the facia's wiring before the complete facia is fitted. It simulates the signals the facia would receive when working fully, checking switches, fuel gauge, speedometer, temperature and where fitted, the onboard trip computer which controls the "high tech" instrument pack.

This is additional to the complete vehicle electrical test which is conducted by computer at the end of the track.

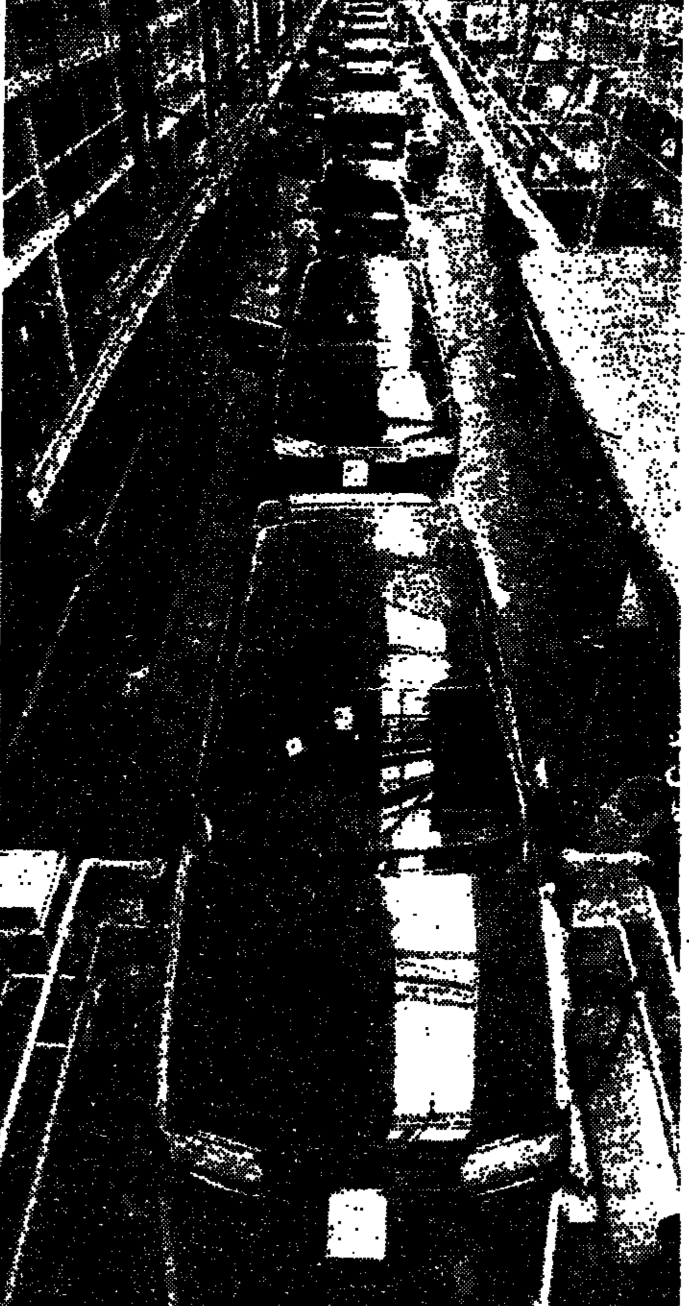
In parallel with the new technology Austin Rover has been developing a new shop floor management system based on the zone concept. It increases the role and responsibility of the supervisor.

But the ordinary man on the shop floor has not been forgotten. Every Montego operator was taken to the company's test track at Gaydon near Warwick to drive the Montego and give their opinions. More importantly, the first 50 Montegos to leave the track were handed to the men who built them to drive around Oxfordshire at dead of night to assess performance, ride, comfort and quality.

"Ride and drive" excercises of this type had previously been resticted to senior executives. Jim Donaghy, Cowley operations director, says: "It is a level of operator involvement never before seen in the car industry."

Les Wells has worked at Cowley for the past 15 years and now trains newcomers to the Montego assembly line to fit the wheel arch liners, motifs and one piece moulded headliners. He says: "You can't make cars without the workers and we are now recognized as individuals in our own right who take a pride in what we are doing. We know that every operator's livelihood depends on our selling cars. We have to get the quality right.

"If you listen to the blokes they'll tell you this car is a winner."



The Montego on the assembly line. For the first time anywhere robots are fitting windscreens, the last stronghold of manual labour

# 'Now it's up to the car'

Mark Snowdon, managing director (commercial) of the Austin Rover group, refuses to be drawn into speculation about Montego's market share prospects. "That is the most unrewarding way of launching a new car that I can think of", he insists. "We have done our homework and now it is up to the car itself."

Much of Montego had already been proven by Maestro. That car had established itself in the market place and any initial problems had been put right so that Montego in turn could benefit.

It fitted into the Austin Range because it was planned to do so. The styling of a car was a key area. Every one had his or her views about that but Austin Rover had carried out extensive clinics in Britain and across the Channel to get a more objective view from a wide cross-section of potential customers.

He said these clinics which were conducted behind a strict security curtain to hide the car's real identity had indicated that it could be perceived as being more an executive car than an upper medium car. If that was a problem then it was one they did not mind having.

Outside Europe Montego had a rather different job to do as a specialist, low volume car, and to succeed it needed style, refinement and exceptional specifications. Mr Snowdon added: "Just as importantly it needs the rugged reliability to withstand the conditions it is likely to meet in Australia or Saudi Arabia. We know it will do that too. Montegos have been submitted to extended durability testing and to extremes of climatic and road conditions."

Mr Snowdon said Montego's additional significance to the fortunes of Austin Rover was that in providing a very strong contender in the upper medium sector it allowed the company to challenge the competition where it had not been able to do for some years.

This meant that virtually every Montego sold would be a conquest sale. "It completes our range and gives us the opportunity for real growth not only this year but in 1985 and beyond", he said.

It has taken Austin Rover a long time to appreciate the spin-off in extra sales which follow successes on the racetrack and in rallies.

As Mr Snowdon puts it: "It is driver appeal which is underlined by our commitment to an extensive motorsport programme on the race-track at home and abroad".

# Fleets: the long road back

Austin Rover has a lot of ground to recapture in the vital fleet and company car sector. Sixteen years ago the companies that now comprise ARG held around 40 per cent of the fleet business. Today they are down to 17 per cent. But even that is a big improvement on the 12 per cent they plummeted to a few years ago.

The long road back began just over two years ago when a decision was made to reinforce and reorganize the fleet sales department completely. Maestro was able to take advantage of the initial work in the department but Montego will get the benefit of the complete reorganization.

That it should get every assistance possible to penetrate the 500,000 cars a year upper medium sector is vital to ARG's continued recovery. It has been virtually absent from one third of the British car market since the days of the Morris Oxford and Austin Cambridge.

A key figure in the new fleet set-up is Jeffrey Johnson, the director of fleet sales and service, who was head-hunted from Ford, the long-established fleet market leader. He said: "It is remarkable that we have managed to reach 17 per cent of the fleet market without a real contender in the most important sector. But that means we have more to build on than most people realize."

The building includes increasing the fleet department's strength by 40 per cent to around 70. Three divisions have been created within the department: sales, service and strategy. The latter is an all embracing "think tank" conducting its own independent market surveys, monitoring every aspect of the fleet business and coming up with new ideas for winning customers from the competition.

Particular attention will be paid to the big car-rental companies with fleet sof between 5,000 and 8,000 cars. But more important than size is the fact that they change their fleets every nine months to a year.

ARG's own rental company, British Car Rentals, operates a growing fleet of 1,400 cars through 130 dealers who hold the BCR franchise.

Mr Johnson is adamant that having a good product line-up is not enough. He is taking his time appointing fleet specialists from the 1,400-strong ARG dealer network. So far only 45 have been chosen and it is planned to increase this to 125 by next spring.

"The people are so important to our success in the fleet business. I intend to see that every fleet specialist we appoint has the right size and the right calibre of servicing accommodation, equipment and personnel".

The build-up to Montego's launch began last year when 140 executives controlling the biggest fleets in the country were taken on a guided tour of the carefully guarded Holy of Holys for any car maker, the styling studio. They were able to inspect Montego at close quarters and even, let it be whispered, given a brief glimpse of other new models in the pipeline for later this year and next year.

A further 650 fleet operators were taken to France for a two day "ride and drive" exercise with Montego. All those I have spoken to since were impressed with what they saw and the way the car itself handled.

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## Gentlemen and Prayers

Lord's cricket ground could soon play host to worshippers at the neighbouring liberal Jewish synagogue. Its rabbis want to pull down the building because of its "serious and deteriorating structural defects" and hope to hold services in a marquee on the sacred turf until a new one is built. The proposals are contained in a report passed anonymously to me yesterday. The rabbis say the potential £3m repair bill is too much for the synagogue's "aging and declining" membership of 2,500 and have come up with an ingenious idea to get a new synagogue for nothing: a partnership with a commercial developer who would use the rest of the site for offices and 24 flats.

Relations with Lord's have been strong since the friendship of their first rabbi, Israel Mattuck, and Plum Warner, star of the 1920s' MCC. Certainly, if a marquee is erected, it would not be the first unlikely mix of overs and Passover: after the synagogue was bombed in the war, services were held in Lord's pavilion.

## Pot black

Donald Trelford, editor of *The Observer*, must be finding his troubles with proprietor Tiny Rowland an irksome diversion from the world snooker championship this week. He recently accepted a commission from Faber and Faber to write a comprehensive study of snooker today – the life and work of Steve Davis, Hurricane Higgins, *et al*. Faber was originally expecting the book to be delivered at the end of next year. Now perhaps it might be a little later; or possibly a good deal earlier.

## Own goal

Veterans of *Isis*, another publication saved by the acquisitive Robert Maxwell, have mixed memories of his ownership. Rescuing it in 1963, Maxwell decided to turn the Oxford University rag into a national student paper. My colleague Edward Mortimer recalls standing for editor in a bid to stop the national launch, foreseeing that "students at other universities would not take well to being offered the crumbs of Oxford wisdom". Others, like Angus Hone and Gareth Steadman-Jones, were taken with the idea of a national audience for their neo-Marxist theories and voted in pro-expansionist Geoff James as editor. After many meetings with Maxwell at Headington Hall, *Isis National* was launched – and flopped. "Just as I predicted", says Mortimer.

## Me Longleat

The Duchess of Roxburghe was being interviewed on a Los Angeles chat show the other day about Floors Castle, her Scottish borders home, where part of the new Tarzan film was made. As she spoke, the picture of a house was flashed on the TV screen. She recognized it immediately – not as her own but that of the Marquess of Bath. Presumably the Americans connected Tarzan with the Longleat lions.

BARRY FANTONI




**'A pity he can't make the same promise to those living here'**

## Light Greene

Graham Greene is hoping to slip into Britain unnoticed next week to attend rehearsals at the Pavilion Theatre, Brighton, for his short comedy *For Whom the Bell Chimes*. The reticent Greene will doubtless be staying with his sister Elizabeth, who lives in Brighton, but will not attend the play's opening night during the Brighton Festival on May 7. I am told that he has threatened to make a hasty exit back to his Antibes home should the press descend. It was Greene's suggestion to stage the comedy, and the author – who yearns to be recognized as a dramatist and not just a novelist – was so thrilled when he heard that it was going ahead that he agreed to make the trip. The festival is also mounting a Graham Greene film season – featuring his personal list of 17. Greene has included, modestly, four of his own, *Our Man in Havana; The Third Man; The Fallen Idol;* and of course, *Brighton Rock*.

## Face to face

A TV advertisement showing two middle-aged women pulling disparaging faces at a wax effigy of Arthur Scargill sounds like yet another Saatchi and Saatchi Tory special. It isn't. The ad was commissioned by Madame Tussauds, as part of its £100,000 TV campaign. But the Independent Broadcasting Authority didn't like it and banned it as politically unacceptable only hours before its first screening on Good Friday. At least it thought it had. On Monday the ad popped up on TV-am. You just can't put a good man down.

**PHS**



Bernard Levin sends an election memo to Whitehall

# Dear obedient servant: here's how to vote

Roddy: no



Losinska: yes

Once more, elections for the president, vice-president and national executive committee of the Civil and Public Service Association, largest of the Civil Service unions, are upon us. I say upon "us" rather then upon "them", for good reason; the struggle in the CPSA between the moderates and the "Broad Left" (a coalition dominated by various strains of Trotskyists, Militants and members of the CP), which has gone on for many years and shows no sign of abating its fierceness, is obviously of very great importance to us all. The capture of such a union by the far left would be disastrous; we can, at a pinch, manage with restricted amounts of new-mined coal, or indeed none at all, for quite a long time, but the effects of the locking or even smashing of the machinery of government which could be brought about by a campaign within the Civil Service organized by an entrenched group of extremists could do irreparable harm very quickly.

But why should a large and loyal body of civil servants elect such extremists to run their union? Why does a coalition of left-wing groups many of whose members are openly contemptuous of democratic systems and of parliamentary government, appeal to the members so powerfully that they might put the extremists in power? The answer, of course, is depressingly familiar nowadays, and not only to those who read my column. Most of the members of the CPSA do *not* want their union to be governed by such people, but their elections, like those of so many unions, take place at, and only at, meetings of branches, not by individual postal ballot to members' home.

You may well ask why it should be thought so onerous a task for a member of the CPSA to go to such a meeting and there collect and fill in a ballot paper; if you do so ask, I have to reply that, strictly, the question ought to be directed to the members of the CPSA, but it has to be said in their defence that the extremists, who as always tend to be those who run the branches, are equipped with, and make full use of, the usual armoury of devices for ensuring that it is difficult or tedious for members to get to meetings which are scheduled for inconvenient times or in inconvenient places, and are experts in the art of prolonging meetings, by procedural devices or filibustering, until they have driven away all but the most devoted and patient of their opponents, after which the balloting can safely begin.

No doubt this should not deter moderate members, and no doubt in Paradise it wouldn't; in the real world here below, however, real considerations apply, chief of which is that for the Marxists, Leninists, Stalinists, Maoists, Castroists and Etceterists, political activity is their whole existence, whereas for the rest of us it is – rightly, as a matter of fact – only a small part, though naturally a very important part, of rather more varied lives.

The result of this polarity can be seen in the history of the CPSA over the past few years; control has swung back and forth between the moderates, led by the indomitable Kate Losinska, and the far left, led (at any rate he is their candidate for president) by Kevin Roddy, who proclaims with pride his adherence and loyalty to the Militant Tendency.

Last year, the moderates made their biggest-ever effort (incidentally, despite her name Mrs Losinska has a naturally acquired Cockney accent you could sharpen scissors on, her un-Cockney moniker having been acquired from her Polish husband – a former airman whose numerous decorations for gallantry in the Second World War she proudly lists in her own *Who's Who* entry); they produced special leaflets and bulletins, drew attention to the political affiliations of their opponents (not all are as forthcoming as Mr Roddy – you will, for instance, search the election addresses of Mr Ray Alderson or Mr Peter Coltman in vain for any reference to their membership of the Communist Party), and organized a series of meetings throughout the country.

The outcome was a massive victory for moderation. But Mrs Losinska and her colleagues know very well that "the enemy faints not nor faileth", that the work must be done again each time an election comes round, and that any easing of their effort could result in failure; she might well echo the words of Robert Kennedy after his brother's victory in the presidential election of 1960: "If we had done a little bit less of anything, we might have lost."

Because I think that it is very important indeed that the moderates in the CPSA should *not* lose, I shall now proceed, as I did at this time last year, to list the entire slate put forward by the "National Moderate Group in the CPSA", whose slogan is "The CPSA is your union – vote moderate and keep it that way".

This may seem unnecessary; it is not. The larger of the two ballot papers measures 16½ inches by 11, and on the main part of it there are 76 candidates for the 26 seats on the national executive committee; political affiliations are not given on the ballot papers, and the candidates' election addresses are contained in a 24-page tabloid-sized paper, which would not only take hours to read right through but would leave many members none the wiser when they had read it, as the statements of beliefs and policies are naturally published just as the candidates wrote them, and a great deal of reading between the lines is necessary in some cases if the hapless voter is to have any chance of knowing which side a candidate is on. (Some, of course, are on none.)

First, the vote for the CPSA's national president on the large ballot paper. Members have *one* vote in this section and those who wish to vote for the National Moderate Group should give it to Losinska, Mrs K M. Next, the national vice-presidents; the voting for these is on the separate, smaller ballot-paper (all voters should have both papers, and if they have been issued with only one they should demand the other as well. There are two vice-presidential posts, and members therefore have two votes: the Moderate Group recommends that they should be cast for Chambers, Mrs M and Pemberton, F.

Members should now turn back to the larger ballot-paper for the election to the executive. There are 26 seats; each voter has 26 votes; no one is obliged to use all 26 (though naturally casting *more* than that number will invalidate the ballot paper), but the National Moderate Group is putting forward a complete slate of 26, and urges all voters to vote for the entire list. Members should take particular notice of the fact that the names of Mrs Losinska, moderate candidate for the presidency, and Mrs Chambers and Mr Pemberton, moderate candidates for the two vice-presidencies, also appear as candidates for the executive, and should be voted for in that capacity as well, as candidates defeated for one of the officers' posts are still eligible for election to the executive.

Here, then, is the Moderate Group's slate of 26 candidates for the members' 26 votes: the numbers after the names are their numbers on the alphabetically ordered ballot paper:

Anderson, Ms S. S. (2); Billouin, J. (12); Bruce, J. (15); Butcher, J. (16); Carr, A. (18); Chambers, Mrs M. (21); Elliott, C. (30); Hickman, Miss M. (37); James, Mrs M. (43); Kaye, Mrs M. (45); Losinska, Mrs K. M. (49); Milnes, D. (52); Mylward, Mrs P. (53); Newall, A. (55); Oliver, J. (56); Parry, Mrs S. (57); Payne, D. (58); Pemberton, F. (59); Price, Mrs J. (60); Richards, K. (61); Thomas, P. (69); Watson, W. (70); White, D. (71); Winkworth, P. (72); Womersley, Mrs P. (73); Wright, M. (76).



Edward Mortimer on a man hoping to unite the mujahidin factions

# Can the Afghans find their Arafat?

In theory, the West supports the Afghan resistance which is fighting the Soviet invaders. But few people in the West know much about it. There is, as yet, no Afghan equivalent of the Palestine Liberation Organization, no Afghan Yassir Arafat to appear as "Mr Afghanistan" on the front pages and TV screens of the western world.

Last year ex-king Zaher Shah, in exile in Rome since 1973, was canvassed in some circles for that role. But he is old, extremely cautious and regarded by some of those fighting in Afghanistan as the origin of all the trouble. Earlier, a good deal of publicity was given to Sayyid Ahmad Gailani, leader of the "National Islamic Front": an acceptable, westernized face of Afghan nationalism. But this group, based on an old Sufi brotherhood of which Gailani is the hereditary leader, proved less effective in the war than the more militant "fundamentalist" Islamic parties.

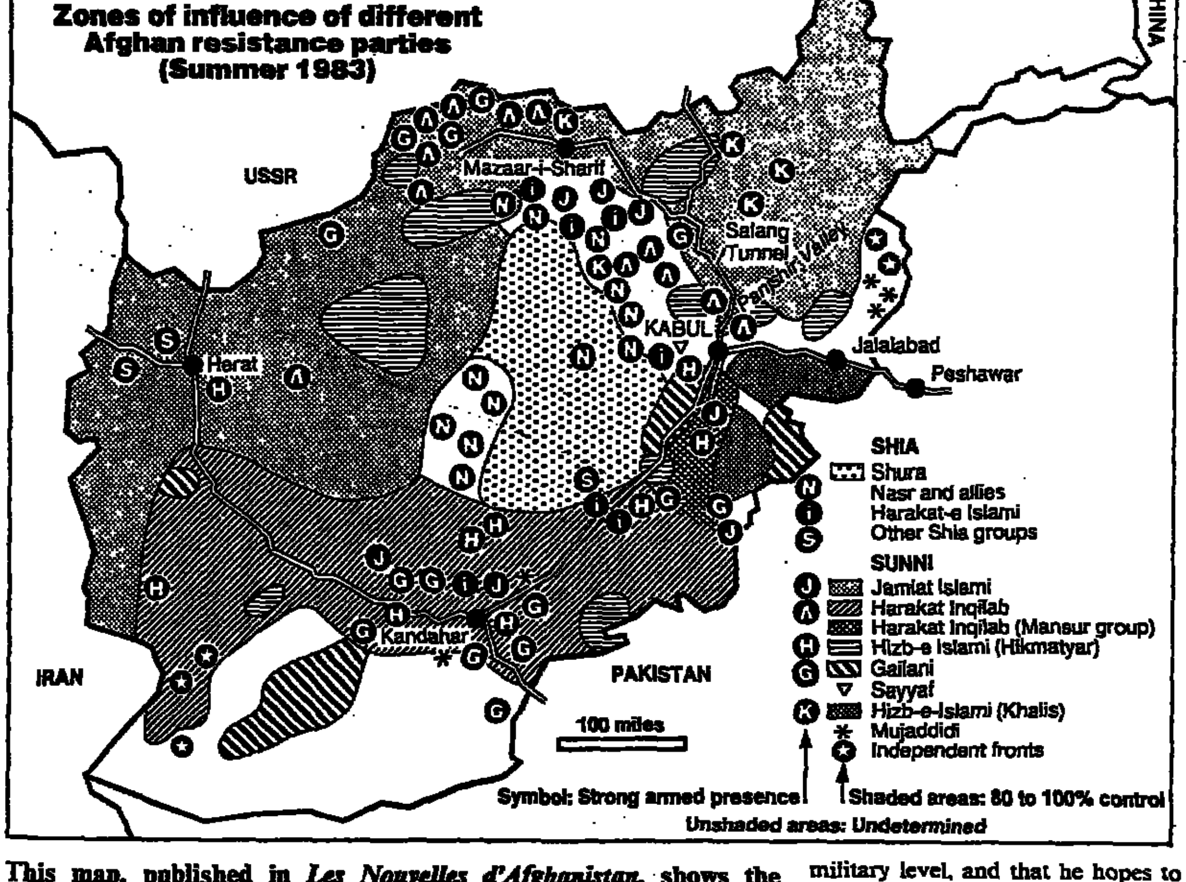
At first the best-known of these was the Hizb-i Islami, led by Engineer Gulbudin Hikmatyar. But this ferociously uncompromising group was difficult for westerners to identify with. More importantly, it has lost credibility among Afghans because its energies often seem to be directed more against rival resistance groups than against the Russians.

All the above-mentioned leaders draw their support primarily from the Pashtun-speaking Pathans of south-eastern and central Afghanistan – the original "Afghans" and traditionally the dominant group in the country. But the rising star of the resistance in the last two or three years – made famous in Britain by Sandy Gall's 1982 TV film and subsequent books by Gall and Nigel Ryan – has been Ahmad Shah Massoud, the "charismatic" (the word sticks to him like a Homeric epithet) young commander of the Panjshir valley.

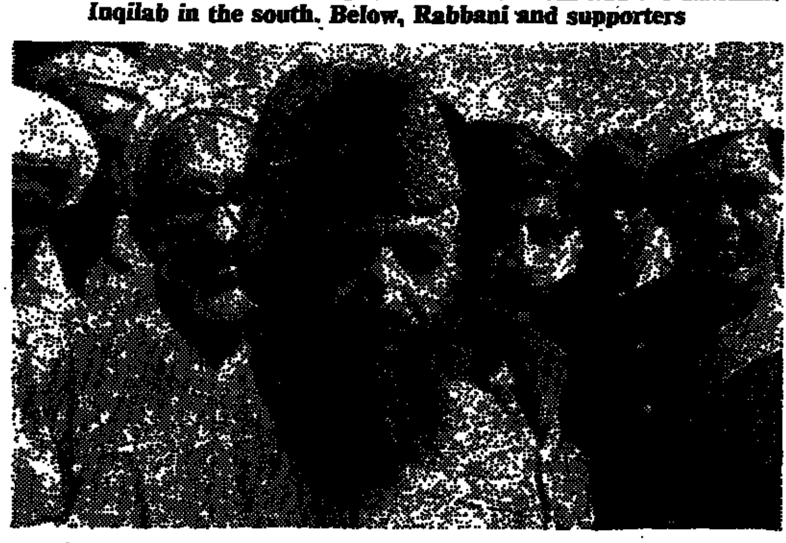
Early last year he forced the Russians to accept a truce in that area and, now that it has expired he is bracing himself to bear the full weight of their new offensive, expected around April 27, the sixth anniversary of the communist "revolution".

Massoud is *not* a Pathan, but a Persian-speaking Tajik. He belongs to a more moderate group than Gulbudin's, the Jamiat-i Islami, which has established itself as the most effective resistance organization throughout northern and western Afghanistan. (In the Pushtun-speaking south the more traditional Harakat-i Inqilab-i Islami seems to be the most widespread group.)

The leader of Jamiat-i Islami is Burhanuddin Rabbani, a mild-mannered former professor of philosophy at the Kabul theology faculty. An Islamic militant since the late 1950s, he seems older than his 42 years. Last week he was in Paris for a meeting with the number two in the Quai d' Orsay, Francis Gutmann. I managed to catch him at Charles de Gaulle airport on Easter Monday, as he was setting off back to his base in Pakistan.




**This map, published in *Les Nouvelles d'Afghanistan*, shows the sparsity of government forces outside Kabul and the strength of Professor Rabbani's Jamiat-i Islami in the north and the Harakat-Inqilab in the south. Below, Rabbani and supporters**



Jamiat-i Islami is sometimnes classified in English as a "fundamentalist" group, but Rabbani prefers the term "Islamicist"; meaning, he says, "that for us Islam is a dynamic that concerns all aspects of human life". He says he began political activity before the communists came to power, against the regimes of King Zaher Shah and President Muhammad Daud, "because the old regime had no programme to guarantee social equality or the values of our people". For the future, he wants "an Islamic government, elected by the Afghan people, which will defend its religious and historic values, equality and social justice". There can be no question of restoring the monarchy.

Himself a Sunni Muslim, Rabbini denies receiving any help from Ayatollah Khomeini's Shiite Iran, though his organization is allowed to maintain some offices there.

The other weakness generally attributed to Jamiat-i Islami is its predominantly Tajik, or at any rate non-Pashtun character. (It also attracts Turkic-speaking Uzbeks and Aimaqs.) Rabbani claims, however, that cooperation between Tajiks and Pathans is now much better than in the past, and that his organization has influence in both parts of the country. He says that he himself, although a Tajik, can speak Pashtun.

When I asked him his attitude to Pashtunwali – the corpus of tribal custom to which most Pathans are intensely attached – he would reply only that "for an Islamic regime there will be no question of different populations, whether Pashtun, Hazara, Tajik or Uzbek: they will be all equal. We will never allow one ethnic group or population to lord it over the others."

Although Rabbani says there is now generally good cooperation between resistance groups on the military level, and that he hopes to translate this into a more effective political unity with a "single voice of the resistance abroad", it is clear that this is still some way off. Meanwhile, since Chernenko came to power, the Soviet reign of terror in Afghanistan has intensified. More than 200,000 Soviet troops are now in the country, he believes (quoting informers inside the Kabul government's demoralized army), and villages and towns are being bombed and shelled on several fronts at once.

He claims that resistance forces are suffering only minimal losses, but admits high casualties in the last two months among the civilian population, and fears a new exodus of refugees. What can the West do to help?

"First, change its mentality", is the disconcerting answer. "The West must get rid of its fear of the Soviet Union, which is not justified. The Soviet leaders, who do not represent their people, should be afraid of western governments which do. So long as you stick to the Yalta mentality, of dividing the world into spheres of influence, you will achieve nothing."

"It is with sadness", Rabbani goes on, "that we hear in certain circles the argument that if the Afghan resistance receives more sophisticated weapons the Soviets will intensify their attacks. Their attacks were intense and murderous from the start. If we had more sophisticated weapons to destroy their helicopters, which fly at quite low altitudes, we could inflict losses on the enemy which would certainly have a very positive effect, to oblige them to do something.

"If the Americans lost 5,000 helicopters, (in Vietnam), that certainly played an important part in obliging them to sit down at the negotiating table. If we can annihilate the Soviet missile-launching sites we will certainly gain some points. But unfortunately, since we don't possess these weapons and other countries are not ready to help us get them, the Soviets continue to do what they want."

Phillip Whitehead

# Why the oak could follow the elm

There is no need now to shut the way through the woods. All too often the woods themselves have gone. In my lifetime we have lost more ancient woodlands than in the previous four centuries. The massive deciduous trees, which once brooded over every hedgerow and hay meadow and regenerated themselves in natural woods which went back to Domesday, are falling fast.

They are victims of disease, of indifference, of greed, of complex tax avoidance schemes. Successive governments have stood by and watched it happen. Now they abet it, forcing the Forestry Commission to glut the market with timber and nodding at the practice of stripping and replanting to create phoney tax losses. Legislation gives the landowner few incentives to treat and preserve his existing woodland, though it can bribe him into inactivity if he threatens to destroy a designated area.

Trees are the true covenant with nature which we make for our grandchildren. I spent one Easter day tramping round an estate which has been – with one or two spectacular interruptions – in the possession of the same family for 800 years. It is small enough to walk the bounds in a morning, large enough to be a life work.

In these days when woods are bought up by pin-striped pension managers or administered by Forestry Commission officials who get to sleep each night counting conifers, it is a pleasure to meet an owner who knows every tree. He will haul you through tangled natural woodland, where the streams are bridged by blackened trunks, long fallen. He will show you how his great grandfather's plantations have turned into woods in their turn, alongside his modern plantings, with larch drawing up tomorrow's oak and beech. Old Quercus is his special pride. All his elms have gone. He believes his oaks could face their biggest threat since Cromwell's troopers cleared the park of their predecessors.

The threat is oak wilt. It has not yet arrived here from the United States, where it has been spreading outwards from Winconsin for 40 years. We are told there is no cause for alarm. The ports are watched. Debarking, moisture reduction, and fumigation take place before embarkation. Authority was once equally sanguine about Dutch elm disease. I hope that this time they are right, for the wilt kills the red oak within weeks, and can be fatal to our native white oaks as well.

As it happens, another oak disease is already established here, insect-borne, which prevents the formation of acorns. Over much of Britain, acorns were not formed in 1983. Being a tree buff, my friend tried to point out to authority the effect of this on natural regeneration of woodland. He was fobbed off. Herbicides, increased animal browsing, and what is euphemistically called "modern hedge maintenance", leave little room in the official mind for nature. Who needs little acorns, apart from the great oaks that may never be?

So *Andricus quercus calicis* can go on in the oak population. There are other comforting thoughts on offer; that one bad winter will kill off the insects; that some British species will be resistant or immune. Just what we once heard about the fungus *Ceratocystic ulni*, which has now killed off more than 90 per cent of the elms in southern Britain.

Every day, in diminishing number, we see the false dawn of the elms, as their leaves unfold only to shrivel and fall in July. The spread of Dutch elm disease is a wretched story of indifference and incompetence. The Government admitted last year that the disease is now out of control. Diseased trees are left standing, breeding grounds for a new generation of beetles carrying the killer fungus. There is inadequate support for felling and debarking. Local grants for preventive injection are taken up less often. Tests of the inexpensive experimental treatment, *Trichoderma viride*, have been scattered on a small scale. We have the research skills. We certainly have the labour force. But where is the sense of urgency, as the dead elms parade their parody of winter across the midsummer landscape?

The priorities, and the memory, go elsewhere. We are cut off from the England of Constable by more than a row of dead elms. Grubbed-up hedgerows, scoured woodland, the advance of the prairie monoculture do much more. And it has all had government support. The Nature Conservatory Council and the Countryside Commission are kept pitifully short of funds. At the same time, money is drained off from one public enterprise to another when the National Heritage Memorial Fund is called upon to save ancient woodland unloaded on the market by the Forestry Commission. Owners can attract compensation, including the full measure of potential public subsidy, if they threaten areas designated under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. Every conifer plantation hides a tax haven.

We must be quite mad to subsidize the further devastation of our natural habitat. The Countryside Campaign, mounted this week by Friends of the Earth, was long overdue. Maybe out of it will emerge a tree lobby linking the far-sighted landowner and the individual conservationist, and supporting both with the public money squandered up to now in frustrating them. That means not just babble about planting more in '84, but the care and cure of the trees we have.

No generation has been as profligate with woods as ours has. Money does grow on trees. Any profiteer will tell you that. But the easy rhythm of the landscape needs them to stand tall, neither abandoned to neglect and disease, nor grubbed out for transient gain.

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Jock Bruce-Gardyne

# What a difference a year makes

The time has come to say farewell to readers of *The Times*. A lot has happened since I took up my pen 11 months ago. Then Mrs Thatcher was coasting towards the biggest parliamentary landslide for almost 40 years. Labour looked to be in terminal confusion, yet the Alliance could not muster the votes required to displace it as the real opposition and so mount a serious challenge to the Prime Minister's dominance. But the post-election honeymoon was remarkably short-lived if indeed it ever happened.

Today the Government is assailed on all sides: charged with "tyranny" from the left, and a loss of direction from the right; running the gauntlet of weekly rebellions in the Commons, and almost as regularly defeated in the Lords. The banana-skin has become the most over-worked cliché in the political vocabulary. Labour has found a smart new leader, already shaping up as the heir to the Wilsonian tradition, with the master's capacity to duck the issues and cloak the conflict within his party in a decent garb of flannel.

The once-yawning gap between the public standing of the two main parties has narrowed almost to vanishing point. Worst of all, Messrs McGahey and Scargill believe they have at last achieved that great pitched battle with the Tory government for which the union captains yearned so long in vain.

The other day a "leading Whitehall source" asked me, with some bitterness, to explain why Fleet Street was being so beastly to the Government. I suggested that there had been some glaring faults of presentation – from Grenada to Cheltenham – and that it was of the nature of a landslide majority to produce a large number of disgruntled backbenchers who sought solace for the absence of recognition of their outstanding talents by feeding the press lobby's natural appetite for snide comment. "What have they got to be disgruntled about?" was the indignant response: "They got an exorbitant pay rise last summer." Small comfort, I argued, to those who dreamed of ministerial boxes. But did it really matter anyway: had the tantrums at Westminster even stirred the grass roots?

Take the great rate-capping controversy. It is no small thing for a Tory government to be accused by a former Tory prime minister of perpetrating "the greatest gerrymandering in the last 150 years" (although surely those who offer their services as guardians of "the good name of the Tory Party" might be wise to be present to vote on rather more than one occasion in every five when the Government's conduct and proposals are before the Commons). But if the citizens of Greater London or Greater Manchester find their bills for rates restrained, will they lose their sleep about the constitutional proprieties?

Meanwhile we are experiencing a rate of economic growth unknown for a decade with no sign of the runaway inflation or balance of payments collapse which has invariably accompanied rising output in the past. Maybe it is too good to last. If I were Nigel Lawson I think I would look upon the scale of the credit which banks and building societies are offering their private customers with some small concern. But while it lasts, it seems less than certain to alienate the voters who gave the Government their confidence last summer.

So perhaps the most dramatic change in the past 11 months has been in the posture of the union leaders. In Blackpool last autumn, the card vote commissars trooped to the lectern to beat their breasts and admit the time had come to listen to what their humble members

How swiftly that was all forgotten! One senior union leader from the National Union of Mineworkers was last week quoted as saying that he does not remember "a time when the leadership of the union was so totally divorced from what the actual membership of the union wants". To which a Mr Pitt, from Kent, replied: "We will drown them in a sea of working-class solidarity", and Mr David Basnett, most august of TUC weathercocks, who so recently helped to show the NGA the door in its dispute with Mr Shah, now calls on the TUC to "restate its policy of readiness to back unions which defy the law."

By this evening we should have a clearer idea of whether the miners of the Midlands and north-west have been brought to heel by the crack of Mr Scargill's sjambok. If they have, then indeed we shall be shaping up for a head-on collision between elected government and unelected union warlords. If, on the other hand, the men of Nottinghamshire have continued to display the courage of their own convictions, how long will it be before Mr McGahey's and Mr Scargill's own parishioners start drifting back to work? Either way, those boring old banana-skins will surely soon be seen in true perspective.

Anyway, in the phrase of the BBC's inimitable John Ebden, "If you have been, thanks for listening".




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# PORTUGAL'S NARROW ESCAPE

Ten years ago today the young captains of the Armed Forces Movement overthrew the 48-year-old Portuguese dictatorship. The "revolution of the carnations" was born. For two years world attention was to be focused on a dramatic and confused power struggle in a country which had been previously and has since again become, something of a backwater in European politics.

Some of the "captains" turned out to be close to the Communist Party – notably Colonel (now retired General) Vasco Gonçalves, the new regime's second prime minister. Others such as the famous Major Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho fancied themselves further to the left, favouring direct democracy, which in practice means rule by self-appointed people's committees (of Colonel Gaddafi's Libya). Luckily others still, while not immune to the heady wine of revolutionary idealism, held fast to the revolution's first promise of "general elections for a constituent national assembly, whose powers, by its representation and free election, will permit the nation to choose freely its own form of social and political life".

Those elections were held exactly one year after the revolution, because popular demand for them overrode the last-minute hesitations of the more doctrinaire left-wing officers. In the Constituent Assembly the majority of seats went to parties believing in representative democracy. Even so, during the summer of 1975 the regime seemed determined to ignore the Assembly and to set up a kind of institutionalised mob rule, from which the Communists would almost certainly sooner or later have emerged dominant. But this attempt encountered vigorous popular resistance, especially in the countryside.

The turning-point came in August with the "Document of the Nine" in which the officers who believed in democracy called a halt to the pendulum's wild leftward swing. Colonel Gonçalves, exhausted by his attempt to hold the revolution together, was obliged to resign. By late September a new government was formed reflecting the political composition of the Assembly, and on November 25 a hitherto little-known officer, one Antonio dos Santos Ramalho Eanes, asserted that government's authority against the far left and restored the beginnings of military discipline within the armed forces.

The revolution had found its thermidor and, despite many gloomy predictions, was spared its Bonaparte. General Eanes, now nearing the end of his second term as President, has been the model of a constitutional head of state, intervening from time to time to ensure that popular sovereignty is respected but never substituting himself for the government which is, according to the constitution, responsible to parliament.

Communism did not carry the day in Portugal, but some say that Portugal itself was of only minor interest to Moscow anyway. The author of the Brezhnev doctrine probably did not overrate his chances of establishing a bridgehead of communism in the heart of Nato. Portugal's African colonies, cradle of the Armed Forces Movement and graveyard of the Salazar-Caetano regime, were another matter. The installation of a radical nationalist regime in Mozambique was a mortal blow to Ian Smith's Rhodesia. But a bigger prize was Angola where the presence of a left-wing Portuguese governor, Admiral Rosa Coutinho, at the crucial moment enabled the pro-Soviet MPLA to win international recognition as the legal government without ever being legitimised by popular vote, and then, by legally inviting the Cubans in, to maintain itself in power.

From there Moscow may well have hoped to move on to install a Swapo government in Windhoek and, before long, an ANC (pro-Moscow) government in Pretoria. But South Africa is proving a much tougher nut to crack and, by its support for Dr Savimbi, is preventing Moscow and its friends from enjoying the fruits of victory in Angola. Indeed, Moscow seems unable or unwilling to bear the expense of supporting so many clients so far from home, and most of the black states of southern Africa are now closer to being South African than Soviet satellites, and looking more to the West than to Moscow to save them from complete South African domination.

Portugal anyway, freed from its African incubus, can take a relatively detached view of these problems. It has, against many predictions, absorbed its *retornados* – just as France did her *rapatriés d'Algérie* a decade earlier. But for brave new worlds the seventies have been a less clement decade than the sixties. Portuguese democracy, like Britain's membership of the European Community, has been served with a bitter economic sauce of austerity, which revolutionary excesses in the mid-1970s, followed by misguided if understandable hesitation to swallow the prescribed dose, have rendered all the more indigestible. The unfortunate Dr Soares, who played a more creditable role in the revolution than many, now has the ungrateful task of prescribing less and less pleasant antidotes.

Still, most Portuguese are mature enough to realise that democracy is not the cause of their poverty, that Salazar's protectionist system using the African colonies as captive markets and sources of raw materials held back their economic development and was in any case breaking down by 1974, and that long-term hope lies in inclusion within an expanding European economic system. Europe is, after all, where Portugal belongs.

# A TAX ON RECONSTRUCTION

Clarity in a tax system is a great virtue. The system's victims may value fairness even more highly, but those who administer it will tend to prefer clarity – and with some reason, for the accumulation of special provision for hard cases is apt to work in the end even against the interest of a broader fairness. But the bureaucratic urge to tidiness can all too easily fall on things that are awkward to administer, without regard to considerations of fairness. So it is with the proposals in the Finance Bill for imposing VAT on building alterations. The change would strike a most damaging blow to the conservation of historic buildings. For many buildings, large and small, of great value to the urban and rural landscape, it would tip the balance of their fate from useful survival to destruction.

The anomaly that the proposal sets out to remedy was always an indefensible one in principle. At present VAT of 15 per cent is charged on building repairs, but not on new building or alterations, nor on conservation and refurbishment projects except for their repair element. This distinction is neither a clear nor a fruitful one, and it has led to much litigation, which has recently been going badly for the Customs and Excise. So a decision was taken to change the rules. But instead of extinguishing the anomaly it was simply moved on a stage to a point less subject to argument, but one where its damaging effects will become far more serious.

New building and demolition are to remain zero-rated. The effect will be to change drastically the relative financial attractiveness of the great enterprise of conservation in which government, local authorities and private efforts have collaborated since European Architectural Heritage Year in 1975. Many towns and villages already attest to the success of this effort enabling their fabric to adapt to changed needs without having their identity obliterated in the process. Much of this work has been devoted not to maintaining the splendour of stately homes but to the provision of low-cost accommodation by housing associations, often charities working in decayed inner city areas where their efforts have helped to give a restored focus to local pride. Since this kind of work tends to be more labour-intensive and skilled than new building, there have been favourable consequences for employment as well.

Such projects are seldom highly profitable even now: in future they will have to be inherently 15 per cent more attractive than bulldozing the site and starting anew if they are to have any hope of acceptance. Many projects already planned or in prospect will have no hope of doing so.

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, chairman of the new Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission – presented at the moment of its birth with a most challenging test of its lobbying sinew – has proposed that listed buildings and those in conservation areas should be zero-rated. Save Britain's Heritage has made a similar proposal. Such a concession would soften the blow in many cases and might be considered as a transitional step, but it would exclude too many worthwhile projects and impose too narrow a focus on the general problem of how best to use the nation's most extensive inherited capital asset. It has little chance of serious consideration while Mr Lawson and the Treasury remain cock-a-hoop with glee at the prospect of so great a gain in administrative simplicity.

There is an underlying political drive towards extending the area of VAT in the long term which would make such a concession increasingly vulnerable in future years. The Chancellor's own preference for indirect as against direct taxation coincides with the eventual aim of harmonizing Britain's taxes with those of our EEC partners, who all raise more VAT from the consumer than Britain does. Conservationists protest that Britain is alone in the EEC in proposing a special discrimination against conservation and the Government replies that it is already alone in giving a special concession to alterations as distinct from repairs. Both are correct, for most construction is subject to VAT in most EEC countries (though Belgium, for instance, actually has a concessionary rate for domestic repairs).

The point is not that it is wrong to charge VAT on reconstruction, but that it is wrong to give new building a 15 per cent start over it. Mr Lawson has simplified too little, not too much. There never was much logic to the decision taken when VAT was introduced in 1972 to treat the building of houses as a staple activity which could not be taxed, and the keeping of houses in repair as a sumptuary activity taxable at the full rate. The prejudices of the time, including resentment towards the foreign tax, and the habit of measuring the success of governments by the number of dwellings built under their aegis, created a distinction which was unhelpful then, and is now positively harmful – for the major problem today regarding our housing stock is not adding to it but keeping it from falling to pieces (with much evidence of widespread deterioration in all tenures). Historic buildings represent only the most vulnerable part of this wider problem.

Given that the government has done its sums for overall revenues and expenditures, the most straightforward immediate solution is to tax all building work equally at whatever reduced rate is necessary to bring in an equivalent revenue to the present proposals. At the very least, a clear statement of intent needs to be made that the discrimination will be removed in the next budget. For every month in which a special disincentive to building conservation prevails, without a clear prospect of reprieve, will see more decisions taken that will be the doom of buildings which could and should have been saved.

## Thinking for Church

*From Mr John Pearman*

Sir, Truth, clearly perceived and courageously articulated, often makes people angry. That much, at least, is evident from a reading of the synoptic gospels. Ronald Butt and Digby Anderson (feature, April 12) appear to be very angry with our clergymen: apparently they are too left-wing to be efficient chaplains to the *status quo*.

In fact, as a professional group, the modern generation of Anglican priests is notoriously conservative in outlook. This is manifest not only in the way they speak and dress and in the newspapers they read, but also in the reforms which they have initiated in the last 25 years.

A recent example is the liturgical revision represented by the 1980 Alternative Service Book. Compared with the 1662 Book of Common Prayer this is a deeply conservative reformulation, drawing on Christian source-material in many cases far more ancient than that available to Cranmer and Ridley.

Of course there has been a restructuring of some of the surface details of the language employed, but conservatism has to do with conserving the inner spirit (not necessarily the outer form) of an institution. The ASB is much nearer the roots of Christianity than is the BCP and a similar point could be made for modern translations of the Bible when compared with the 1611 King James Version.

As for "projecting Christianity as a social gospel", what could be more traditional or more appropriate for a faith whose foundation stories include the good samaritan and the father who welcomes back the prodigal and whose first missionary urged that, "it is more blessed to give than to receive"?

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Law and the Libyan People's Bureau

*From Mr Martin R. Maloney*

Sir, The crossing of a national frontier in response to an attack from the other side or in pursuit of attackers who have fled across the border is, I believe, recognised in international law. Now this is exactly our position with regard to the Libyan People's Bureau and its occupants. Though "foreign territory", it may nonetheless be justifiably encroached upon, and this we ought to do.

But even if there is no defence for such an action in international law the police should still enter the Bureau and try to arrest the murderer. For while it is desirable that Britain should not set a precedent for disregarding international law it is still more desirable that she should not set a precedent for disregarding murder.

One should remember that international law is not higher or more refined law than the ordinary criminal code of a civilised state: it is, on the contrary, the lowest common denominator to which all states, including a proportion definitely not civilised, can be brought to agree.

When the Hague and subsequent conventions were signed a degree of common civilisation was assumed to exist in the relations between states which can scarcely now be taken for granted. If opening fire from an embassy was not unthinkable, it was at least virtually impossible.

By acting in accordance with the spirit of the law rather than its letter we may well be setting a dangerous precedent. But those states whose bent is for no law will hardly be guided by precedent in their dealings with others, least of all a precedent established by a country they despise. The Iranians required no precedent for their action in 1980, nor the Libyans for their action this week. Such states and such people will not be *encouraged* to violence by our example in breaking international law (if we are indeed breaking it); but they may well be *discouraged* by our example in upholding the common law of this country.

Yours,
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April 18.

*From Mr J. P. Hesselink*

Sir, Your editorial dated April 19 has hit the nail on the head regarding the Vienna Convention. It has been apparent for quite some time that certain exporters of the revolution have been actively using the diplomatic pouch to transfer weapons from one nation to another.

This misuse is highlighted by various acts of terrorist barbarism over the past few years, culminating in the shootings last Tuesday.

If one wants to wipe out international terrorism the way to begin, it seems to me, is to close down the embassies of the nations involved and shut one's own missions in these countries in order to show them that terrorism does not pay.

Furthermore, Her Majesty's Government should take up contact with friendly nations to amend the above-mentioned convention so that the misuse of the facilities offered under the convention may be remedied.

Yours sincerely,
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*From Mr J. A. Lane*

Sir, The gun outrage at the Libyan embassy would not have occurred had it not been for the stupid, unjustifiable practice of allowing aliens to stage demonstrations in our streets.

The right to demonstrate in the streets should be strictly reserved for our own nationals and the aliens told that, as guests in our country, they are required to behave with the decorum normally expected of guests.

Yours faithfully,
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## Terror of the road

*From Mrs M. J. Johnson*

Sir, I can well imagine the kind of government that will purchase riot-suppressing equipment such as AMAC 1 (report, April 11, page 32) and the barbarous, indiscriminate use to which it will be put. What is not fit to be used on European people is not fit to be used on any people.

Any country that manufactures equipment to abuse human rights may one day find such equipment in use on its own streets.

Yours truly,
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## The miners' strike

*From Mr J. Montgomerie*

Sir, There seems to be no possibility of meaningful negotiations between Mr MacGregor and Mr Scargill. Both are going all out for "victory". The leaders of the Government and of the Labour Opposition are lined up behind them. So a long battle seems inevitable.

Whoever wins, it will be disastrous for the miners, the mining industry and the economy. But there is an issue to be debated on pit closures and a compromise must be better than protracted war.

In times of recession it is tempting to make decisions for short-term gain which prove disastrous in the long run. Millions of tons of coal will be sealed off in the pits marked for closure, perhaps for ever. That coal is not Mr MacGregor's coal or Mr Scargill's coal, but the nation's coal, yours and mine.

When North Sea oil runs out and plutonium-based nuclear energy is finally accepted as being ruinously expensive as well as dangerous from the point of view of security and the environment, there will be an upturn in the demand for coal. May we not miss the lost millions of tons? And even if there are no compulsory redundancies, the total workforce will be reduced. What jobs will there be for those who would have replaced wastages? And, when they are needed, will new recruits be available?

Since negotiations are impossible, a high-powered inquiry should be set up now, before too much is lost, to examine the economic and social implications in the long and short term of pit closures and to report and make recommendations within six months. Meanwhile closures should be suspended.

If either side rejects such a course it will be clear where the blame lies. But I would hope that it would bring about a speedy end to hostilities.

Yours,
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## NCCL and racism

*From Mr Tony Smythe*

Sir, As you report (April 16) the NCCL's annual general meeting decided that its defence of civil liberties should no longer include organisations and opinions of which its members disapprove, namely, the National Front and other racialists. A wide net has been cast so the exclusion list could be long.

Thus fifty years of integrity in principle and practice, with remarkably few lapses, were abandoned recklessly, together with the Charter of Civil Rights and Liberties which was issued recently to celebrate and identify the meaning of civil liberty in 1984.

I trust that even those who have not actively supported the NCCL will share my sadness as a former general secretary and will ponder the significance of such a retreat.

In the absence of any constitutional definition of civil liberty, the only measure for its defence is the commitment to apply the same standards to those whom we detest as we would to ourselves or those with whom we sympathize. Arguably, the only exceptions would be those, fortunately few in number, who place themselves, or are placed outside the law. Those who thrust these decisions on the NCCL direct attention to the nature of the organisations and opinions they seek to proscribe. They evade the point.

The NCCL had given minimal assistance to the National Front, which had alleged grave deprivation of civil liberty. I myself would have gone further and made direct representations to the relevant authorities had the facts been confirmed and I did so on a number of occasions in similar circumstances. An abuse of power in one case can become, first a precedent, and then a routine.

The National Front will not suffer overmuch from the withdrawal of the NCCL's protection. It is the NCCL and the broad range of people and organisations which turn to it for help who lose out.

Your faithfully,
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April 16.

## Girls in boys' schools

*From Mr P. F. Watkinson*

Sir, Your Education Correspondent, Miss Lucy Hodges, reported fairly (March 29) on a speech which I gave recently on "The call for co-education". Nevertheless, since this report led the President of the Girls' Schools Association to make a vigorous assault on what I said (April 9), may I please put my words into context.

Headmasters' Conference schools included almost no girls among their pupils 15 years ago. Now they have 10,500, spread among almost two thirds of their member schools. I described this as a revolution which was sudden and unresearched. It was largely based on convenience; the girls wanted to come and HMC schools were pleased to have them, both for their numbers and for their talents – what other motives applied with Oxbridge colleges?

The majority of boys' schools opened their doors only to girls entering their sixth forms. The inconvenience was minimal. They have remained boys' schools with unchallenged male hierarchies. Dr John Rae has written of this change as "cosmetic co-education" and I expressed personal reservations about its being in the best interests of all the girls concerned.

Some 60 HMC schools, however, have committed themselves to having girls at all ages, and this number is growing. Whether they are yet "truly co-educational" is a matter for debate. They have a less good ratio of women to men in their common rooms than they have of girls to boys among their students (and so also do the mixed colleges at Oxford and Cambridge); few of them have women in senior positions of responsibility in their schools.

To that extent we must regard the revolution as incomplete. But those schools which have taken this course would claim it to be popular, enriching, natural and for some of them closer to their understanding of the nature of the Christian family.

Yours faithfully,
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Colwyn Bay, Clwyd.

## Easing inner-city privation

*From Mr A. H. Mallinson*

Sir, "Comfortable Britain", to use a phrase coined by the Bishop of Liverpool in his Richard Dimbleby lecture, should take notice of what he said. I would like to ask the Bishop of Liverpool, however, to be more aware than he seems to be of the point of view that there is excessive "dependency" on local and central government by inner-city residents.

This dependency can be ameliorated. Speaking as someone who has worked over the last two years in a dozen inner-city areas, I know that there is a large, pent-up unsatisfied demand for owner-occupied housing. At the same time there is a huge stock of substandard local authority housing much of which is difficult to let or unlettable.

Central government has made it possible, via grants, for local authorities to sell substandard housing stock to the private sector for rehabilitation and sale for owner-occupation.

What a tragedy it is that so many local authorities with urban problems shut their eyes to this solution; what a tragedy it is that the demand for owner-occupation is frustrated in this way; what a tragedy it is that "dependency" is fuelled by the refusal to allow those who want to help themselves to be unable to do so.

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*From Sir John Barnes*

Sir, In his Dimbleby lecture, of which you offered a preview on April 17, the Bishop of Liverpool hit many balls straight to the boundary.

But in echoing Disraeli and describing two Britains, "comfortable" and "other", he did rather give the impression that the "other" Britain was confined to the North-west and to Liverpool in particular.

It is common fallacy that here in Sussex we are an affluent society. True, there are affluent people among us; but there is much of what the Bishop calls "relative poverty", too. Many relatively affluent people retire to this part of England. We are glad to welcome them. But not only do they raise the average age of our local population; they also push up the price of houses.

In the rural communities of East and West Sussex the earnings of wage-earners, though not incomes as a whole, are, generally speaking, 10 per cent below the national average. The prices of houses are 10 per cent above it.

Young couples getting married and older people retiring from tied cottages can thus afford less and less to buy houses in their own villages. More and more they are forced to move into the towns, where they either swell the ranks of the unemployed or add a burden to the social services. Not for nothing has Hastings been described in your columns as the Jarrow of the South-east. Poverty is often concealed by pride but present all the same.

Nor are housing and unemployment the only problems. The Bishop spoke figuratively about doors clanging shut against the deprived in the cities. In our villages doors are literally clanging shut: the doors of village shops which can no longer compete; the doors of buses which are withdrawn from service; the doors of telephone kiosks removed by British Telecom; the doors of sub-post offices; the doors of local doctors' surgeries; the doors of branches of high street banks.

We in the Sussex Rural Community Council, working with the local authorities and other bodies, do what we can to promote voluntary substitutes, for example, community buses or village shops run by a roster of volunteers. But it is not easy for an ageing population to organise such ventures, with fewer and fewer younger people to help them to hew wood and draw water.

Not for a moment should I deny what Dr Sheppard says about the areas with which he is primarily concerned. But I wish he would come back to visit Sussex, for which he used to play cricket and where we should love to give him a net in the local economy.

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## VAT on building

*From the Director of the Civic Trust*

Sir, The continuing imposition of VAT by successive Chancellors upon the restoration and repair of old buildings, but not upon new building work, has for 10 years constituted something of an anomaly. The present Chancellor's proposals to extend these VAT arrangements to all building alterations and to make the sale of refurbished buildings an "exempt supply" for VAT purposes (thereby making it impossible to reclaim VAT on fees and other input costs) have stirred up even greater dismay.

In the light of information reaching us from a wide variety of sources the Chancellor's proposals would seem likely to result in

1. Work being halted indefinitely on specific building rescue projects – more particularly the larger and more desirable schemes.
2. The demolition of worthwhile buildings, the adaptation of which will no longer be financially viable.
3. Lower standards of workmanship in those smaller schemes which may still go ahead.
4. Substantially increased demands upon the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the new Commission for Historic Buildings and Monuments, all of whose available funds for the year would even previously have been committed after only six months or so of the new financial year.

At the root of the matter is the inconsistency of the Government's approach. Government policy is to assist the conservation of historic buildings and areas. If the stuffing is not to be knocked out of the charitable trusts and private owners who are labouring in this field, listed buildings and those in conservation areas should be zero-rated for repairs, restoration and alteration and, most important of all, on their subsequent sale or lease.

Alternatively, the Chancellor might care to consider applying VAT at a lower rate across the board on all building work, including new construction. This would at least remove the financial incentive to demolish and rebuild.

Yours etc,
MICHAEL MIDDLETON,
Director,
Civic Trust,
17 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.
April 12.

## Sortie de Bayonne

*From Sir Michael Wilford*

Sir, I read with great interest the Duke of Wellington's letter (April 12) about the "Sortie de Bayonne". While serving in the Embassy at Paris in 1953-55 my wife and I spent our holidays twice in the Basque country and were surprised to see the sign, on the road leading south to Bayonne and Biarritz, "To the Coldstream Guards cemetery".

We speculated whether it dated from 1914-18 (which seemed very unlikely) or from 1940 (which seemed possible, since some of the BEF left from Bordeaux), but eventually curiosity got the better of us and we drove down the road following the signs.

As so often happens we ended in a farmyard! We were turning the car round, assuming that we had taken the wrong road, when a lady emerged to ask if we were looking for the cemetery.

She invited us to follow her and some hundred yards or so later we came to a small, rather overgrown enclosure – the railings being of the kind so often seen round London gardens (before 1939-45). There seemed to be a dozen or more graves and we were told they were of British officers caught napping by the Bayonnais on their sortie. As I recall they included officers from the Rifle Brigade and the 60th.

The lady who guided us said that Queen Victoria on her visits to Biarritz had always paid a visit to "her Guards cemetery" and that King Edward VII had done the same. She said that her own grandmother had conducted Queen Victoria down the same path as she had taken us.

I am delighted to read of the celebrations of the 170th anniversary of the event and even more pleased that they should be of a Franco-British nature.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
MICHAEL WILFORD,
Brook Cottage,
Abbotts Ann,
Andover, Hampshire.
April 18.

## Keeping of secrets

*From Mr Patrick Fitzgerald and Mr Jonathan Bloch*

Sir, As we are both mentioned by name in your leading article of April 9 ("Secrets that should be kept") we expect you to print this reply.

The editorial implies that we "seem to disapprove of the very existence of MI5 and MI6": this is not a conclusion that can be drawn from reading *British Intelligence and Covert Action*, however strongly (and incorrectly) the author may believe it.

The editorial further implies that the identification of anybody as an intelligence officer puts them at risk of assassination by the IRA or INLA, who do not bother to check the person's activities. There is no evidence whatsoever to support such a view and precious little logic: both organizations have an obvious interest in uncovering intelligence operations before attacking the person concerned and much to lose in propaganda terms by "blowing up an unintended victim".

We freely admit ignoring D Notice no 6 (and several others besides). Neither ourselves nor our publishers are represented on the D Notice Committee, nor are we party to any other cosy agreement between Whitehall and the media.

Yours etc,
PATRICK FITZGERALD,
JONATHAN BLOCH,
87 Windus Rd, N16.
April 10.

## Leisure activities

*From Captain Roger Hamilton*

Sir, The pattern of business activity in this very rural corner of England over the Easter period has an interest – and perhaps a moral.

On Good Friday the local shop was open as usual and delivered our supplies (but not newspapers, because there weren't any). On Saturday it was open for both commodities, on Sunday for papers only and on Monday, when the proprietor might have appreciated a lie-in, he had to deliver the papers as usual before 7 o'clock, closing thereafter for the Bank holiday.

The self-employed businessman worked on every day of the holiday weekend. Which service was closed from Thursday afternoon until Tuesday morning? The post office.

Yours faithfully,
R HAMILTON,
West Dean,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire.
April 21.

# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 24: Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded Lady Elizabeth Basset as *Lady-in-Waiting* to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 24: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this afternoon visited Home Farm, Stoke Climsland, Cornwall.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr John Higgs, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Princess Anne will attend a charity première of *West Side Story* in aid of the Richmond Fellowship at Her Majesty's Theatre on May 11.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester will visit an exhibition of Chinese watercolour paintings by Mr Cau Chay Tran, of Vietnam, in aid of the Airey Neave Refugee Trust at Stowe School, Buckinghamshire, on May 12.

The Duke of Gloucester, patron, Council for Education in World Citizenship, will open the exhibition "Peace Through Education" at the *House of Commons* on May 14.

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the Topolski Exhibition "Memoir of the Century" at Archway 152, Concert Hall Approach, SE1, on May 15.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the Grafton Shopping Centre at Cambridge and will visit Emmanuel College and Jesus College on May 16.

Princess Anne, Patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will visit the Broadlands Group at Broadlands Riding School, Medstead, on May 16.

The Prince of Wales, Patron of the York Archaeological Trust, will open the Jorvik Viking Centre and the Coppergate Development in York on May 17.



**Epsom favourite: A bronze bust of Lord Wigg, former chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board, who died last year, was unveiled at Epsom racecourse yesterday. *Lord Wigg was instrumental in saving the course from closure. At the ceremony* was Angela Conner, who sculpted the bust (centre) and Mr Phil Ball, the racing personality (Photograph: Ian Stewart).**

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr W. A. Finegold and Miss E. P. Airey**
*The engagement is announced* between Warren, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Finegold, of Hampstead, and Elisabeth, daughter of Sir Lawrence and Lady Airey, of Coulsdon, Surrey.

**Mr R. D. Farquharson and Miss J. L. Birtwistle**
The engagement is announced between Robert Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs D. Ian Farquharson, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and Jane Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Birtwistle, of Brisbane, Australia.

**Mr R. J. Heneage and Miss M. L. Milne**
The engagement is announced between Robert John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Heneage, of North Carlton Hall, Lincoln, and Maryann Louise, only daughter of Mr J. N. Milne, of Preston Priory, Ledbury, and Mrs H. Milne, of Lansdown Mews, London.

**Mr P. Walsh and Mrs T. E. Barlow**
The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs T. Walsh, of Tiverton, Devon, and Teresa, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. L. Pester, of Chard Junction, Somerset.

## Marriage

**Mr A. Beerbohm and Mrs S. Harrington**
*Mr Anthony Beerbohm and Mrs* Sarah Harrington (neé de Graaff-Hunter) were married in London on April 18, 1984.

## Christenings

Prince Andrew is godfather to the infant son of the Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe who was christened Edward Arthur Gerald, at St Andrew's Church, Kelso, on *Sunday, April 22*, by the Rev John Davidson. The other godparents are Mr David Stewart, Mr Andrew Hay, the Countess of Arran, for whom Lord Robin Innes-Ken stood proxy and Lady *Camilla* Fane.

The son of Mr and Mrs James Gray was baptized John Rodger Jago by his grandfather, the Very Rev John *Rodger* Gray, in Dunblane Cathedral on Easter Day. The godparents are Mr Andrew Sykes and Mr and Mrs Iain Boardman.

## Birthdays today

Sir Charles Abrahams, 70; Sir George Baker, 74; Sir John Cater, 65; Mr Anthony Christopher, 59; Sir John Clements, 74; Mr Kenneth Davies, 85; Miss Ella Fitzgerald, 66; Lord Gladwyn, 84; Mr W. F. R. Hardie, 82; Lord Hayter, 73; the Earl of Lichfield, 45; Mr David Machin, 50; Lady Marre, 64; Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Mason, 84; the Rev Marcus Morris, 69; Mr Buster Mottram, 29; Sir James Plimsoll, 67; Mr William Roache, 52; Sir Stanley Rous, 89; Mr David Shepherd, 53; Sir Jack Smart, 64; Sir David Stephens, 74.

## Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Professor R. J. Elliott, FRS, *Wykeham professor of physics*, Oxford University, to be Physical Secretary of the Royal Society from May 1, in succession to the late Sir Morris Sugden.
Dr Raymond Hoffenberg to be President of the Royal College of Physicians.
The Hon Sir Clive Bossom, Bt, *to be the International President of* International Social Services in succession to the late Sir Geoffrey de Freitas.



## Aluminium arms

**A new version of the Royal Coat of Arms in anodised *engraved aluminium* has been commissioned by the Property Services Agency for use in law courts and other public buildings. It is the work of John Skelton, the sculptor.**



## Allhallows School, Devon

Summer Term at Allhallows School begins today and ends on Friday July 13. The Confirmation Service is on Saturday May 5 when the *Right Rev John Armstrong* will officiate. CCF annual inspection will be on May 31 when the inspecting officer will be Colonel A. B. Harfield, Commandant, CRCRM Lympstone. *Speech Day* will be on June 2 when the chief guest will be Major-General Sir Roy Redgrave. Exeat is from June 2 until June 6 and the Old Honitonians' Week begins on July 16.

## Ardingly College

Summer Term begins today. An appeal will be launched on April 27 to raise funds to build two new houses for sixth form pupils, a biology laboratory, tennis and *squash courts and to modernize* the junior school dormitories.

## Brentwood School

Trinity Term begins today. Performances of Mozart's *Requiem* and Handel's *The King shall Rejoice* will be given on May 4 and 5 in St Thomas's Church by the school choral society. Half-term is from May 25 to May 29 with the Society of Old Brentwoods' annual dinner being held on May 25. CCF inspection day *will be on June 1* with Vice-Admiral Sir Simon Cassels being the inspecting officer.

The junior school athletics finals and prize-giving will be held on July 6 and the guest of honour will be Mr C. J. Finch (OB). Term ends with senior prize-giving on July 7 when the Visitor will be Mr C. R. Allison, *governor and former headmaster*, and the preacher will be Dr R. Bainbridge, fellow and tutor of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

## Cambridge Marlborough Secretarial College

The college reassembles today for the Summer Term. Graduation luncheon will be on Friday July 13 at Downing College.

## Cobham Hall School

Summer Term begins today. Kate *Ponte is the guardian* and Festival Weekend will be held on July 7 and 8.

## Eton College

Summer Half begins today. There are 1,272 boys in the school. Mr R. Fisher has taken over Mr M. F. Whiteley's house. M. M. Roberts, *KS*, continues as captain of the school and M. E. Warren, OS, as captain of the Oppidans. Four performances of *The Alchemist*, by Ben Jonson, will be given in the Farrer Theatre on May 26, 27, 28, and 29. The Corps tattoo will be on the evening of May 30 prior to the Fourth of June celebrations on May 31. Long leave will be from May 31 to June 4. The Winchester Match will be played on Agar's on June 22 and 23 and the Harrow Match at Lord's on Saturday, July 7. School closes on July 13.

## Farringtons School

Summer Term begins today. To celebrate the chapel *jubilee*, an Open Day will be held on June 30. All Old Farringtonians will be *particularly* welcome. *The preacher* at the Founders' Day service on June 22 will be the Rev Lord Soper. Term ends on July 17.

## Felsted School

Summer Term at Felsted began on April 24. Speech Day is on May 26 *when the guest of honour is* Sir Donald Farquarson. The choral society and orchestra perform *Te Deum* (Bruckner) and *Rhapsody in Blue* on May 19 and 20. Founders' Day service is on June 10 at 11 am. The Felsted Festival runs from July 6 to 13. *Dock Brieg* amd *Trial by Jury* will be presented on July 11, 12 and 13. Old Felstedian Day is July 7. Half term is from May 26 to 29 and term ends on July 14.

## Gordonstoun School

Summer Term begins today with 305 boys and 153 girls in the school. The guardian is Rachel Gray. Gordonstoun was founded by Dr Kurt Hahn in 1934 and the school's fiftieth birthday will be celebrated at the Golden Jubilee Weekend from June 1 to 3. In addition to the usual *Open Day events and exhibitions* the programme will include performances of Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi*; an address by the headmaster, a match between a Gordonstoun past and present side and the MCC; a flying display by the Red Arrows; a summer dance on the Saturday evening and a service of thanksgiving *in St Christopher's* Chapel on the Friday morning, at which an address will be given by the Right Rev Dr W. Launcelot Fleming.

Friends of Gordonstoun will be pleased to know that the Golden Jubilee Fund, started 18 months ago to develop a £½m scholarship and bursary fund, *will achieve its target* by June 2.

## Harrow School

Summer Term begins today. R. L. A. Hone (Elmfield) continues as head of the school and R. G. Robinson (Newlands) is captain of cricket. *Henry the Fifth* will be performed in speech room on May 25 and 26. The new drama studio opens with a lower school production on June 21, 22, and 23. Speech Day will be on Thursday, May 31, and the half-term exeat will extend from 6.30pm on Speech Day *until* 9pm on *Monday*, June 4. The Eton v Harrow Match will take place at Lord's on Saturday, July 7. Term ends on Friday, July 13.

## Howell's School, Denbigh

Summer Term begins today at Howell's School, Denbigh. The half term break is from May 26 until June 3. Confirmation will take place in St David's Church on May 19. The term ends with Speech Day on July 14, on which occasion the Master and Wardens of the Drapers' Company will visit the school and Viscount Tonypandy will give an address.

## Moreton Hall, Shropshire

The *Summer Term* begins today with 309 girls in school, 80 of whom are in the sixth form. Catherine Brinton is head prefect and Penelope Morgan is second prefect.

A *development* appeal, the Next Steps, for £250,000 is being launched and there will be buffet luncheon and receptions for parents and old Moretonians on May 20 and June 3, 10 and 17. On June 8 there will be an inauguration launch followed by a turf-cutting ceremony on the site of the new boarding house. Building is to start in June at a projected cost of three quarters of a million pounds.

The half-term exeat will be from May 25 to 29 and Parents' Weekend will be on July 7 and 8.

## Oakham School

Oakham School's quatercentenary summer term begins today. The half-term exeat is from May 26 to 30. There will be 948 pupils in the school; 516 boys and 432 girls. The *head boy* is James Wratten and the head girl is Gillian England. Quatercentenary celebrations during the term will include an orchestral concert on July 12, the première of *The Torchbearers*, with a cast of 60, on July 13, and a quatercentenary ball on the final day of term, July 14. On July 11 Lord Kings Norton, *Chancellor* of Cranfield Institute of Technology, will open the new computer centre. The new music school will be opened by Mr Malcolm Williamson, Master of the Queen's Music, towards the end of term.

During the summer holidays 25 students from Oakham School, with *11 well qualified adults, will* take part in a scientific expedition to Papua New Guinea. The patron of the expedition is Sir Peter Scott.

## Repton School

Summer Term begins today. The head prefect is Carol Miles (The Abbey) and the captain of cricket is A. S. J. Pass (The Hall). Mr M. Parris, MP, has joined the governing body and Mr P. C. Curtis has become president of the OR Society. Commemoration and Speech Day will be on Saturday, May 26 at which the preacher will be the Right Rev Dr Mervyn Stockwood, and the speaker Dr David Harrison, Vice-Chancellor of Keele University. Mr G. T. Williams will produce *The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby during* speech day week. The exeat will be from May 26-30 and term ends on July 13.

## St Audries School

Summer Term begins today. The Bishop of Taunton will preach at the service on Old Girls' Day, Saturday, May 19. As part of the school's *jubilee* celebrations *there will* be performances on Friday, Saturday and Thursday, May 18, 19 and 24, of a concert in honour of Elgar and "Fifty Golden Years", a dramatic representation of the life of the school from 1934 to 1984. On Saturday, June 23 the St John Nursing Cadets' Military Band will *lead the brigade's procession to St* Paul's Cathedral for their annual service of rededication. The guest of honour at Speech Day, Tuesday, July 17, will be Miss C. E. M. Havergal. Term ends on Wednesday, July 18.

## St Felix School Southwold

Summer Term begins today and ends on Saturday, July 14, with Parents' Day at which the guest of honour will be Baroness Platt of Writtle.

A memorial service for Miss Karen Money will be held at 11.30am on Sunday May 6, in the school chapel.

## St Leonards School St Andrews

Summer Term begins today and ends on Tuesday, July 17. Half Term will be Wednesday May 30 to Sunday June 3. The speaker at Speech Day on July 17 will be Mrs Mathias.

## Westminster School

Election Term begins today. There are 572 in the great school and 223 in the under school. Mrs J. Cockburn and Mr J. R. M. Young *join the staff. A. J. Coles (Rigaud's)* is captain of the school and R. J. Levy (QS) captain of cricket. The exeat is from May 24-29. The first Adian Boult Memorial Recital will be given on May 25 by Dr Yehudi Menuhin and members of the Yehudi Menuhin School. The school concert is on June 13. *Performances of Love's Labours Lost* will be given in Ashburnham Garden on July 9, 10, 11 and 12. The election dinner is on July 13 and term ends on that day.

## Anglo-Swedish triumph

**By a Bridge Correspondent**

The Easter international bridge tournament sponsored by *The Guardian* ended on Monday evening at the Park Lane Hotel, London, with Irving Rose's Anglo-Swedish team as clear winners of the Swiss teams event.

In the Swiss pairs, there were also Anglo-Swedish winners with Mrs Rixi Markus, the former European and world champion, partnering S-O. Flodqvist. Mrs Makus has no equal *in* her *ability to* win events with a variety of partners.

Swiss teams
1. I N Rose, B L Teltscher, B Karlgren, E Christenson, 102; 2. J Mason, I Popplestone, M Smith, R Coats, H Melbourne 92; 3. P D Hackett, J P and J T Hackett, M J Newman, M Braid 89; 4. H M Schoenfeldt, R Franses, J Albuquerque, A G Jeffery 86.

Swiss pairs
1. Mrs R Markus, F-O Flodqvist 101; 2. Mr and Mrs G C H Fox 99; 3. P Kelly, P Cockayne 97; 4. J F Pottage, A M G Thompson 96; 5. R A Cliffe, A Kay 92.

## University news

**Glasgow**
Professor R. W. Ogden has been appointed to a chair in mathematics from September 1. He is at present professor of mathematics at Brunel University.

**Durham**
Dr J. L. A. Roche has been elected dean of the faculty of music for two years from August 1.
J. D. Norton, lecturer in Turkish studies, has been appointed principal of St Cuthbert's Society for five years from October 1.
Professor R. M. Shackleton has been appointed to the Trevelyan College *Fellowship* for 1984/85.
Professor Michael Mortimore has been appointed to the St Mary's College Fellowship for the Michaelmas Term, 1984.

**Other appointments**
M. R. Irving, BSc, PhD, research fellow in engineering from April 1; Caroline M. H. Mason, BA, BA, lecturer in chinese, from October 1; Michael G. Scott, BA, PhD, lecturer in small business studies, from April 1.

**Grants**
Science and Engineering Research Council: £52,406 over three years to Dr R. A. Abram for research on "the theory of some electronic processes in semi-conductor heterostructures"; £67,832 over three years to Dr K. E. Turver and Dr K. J. Orford for research on "UHE Gamma ray astronomy – design and construction of survey telescope".

**Kent**
Professor Gerald Rickayzen has been appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor from *April 1* to *January 31*, 1987.
Mr J J Hughes, reader in economics has been appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor for three years from April 1.

**Loughborough**
Sir Clifford Butler, FRS, Vice-Chancellor, is to retire at the end of next year.

**Liverpool**
Professor Richard Edwards, professor of human metabolism University College London School of Medicine, has been appointed to the chair of medicine at Liverpool. He succeeds Professor D. A. Price-Evans and will take up his appointment on October 1.

***Reading***
Professor John S. March, of Aberdeen University, and Dr David R. Harvey, of Newcastle University, have been appointed professors of agricultural economics and management.

## Latest wills

*Bowyer, Mr Christopher Herbert* Stanley, of Bradford on Avon .......... £321,013.
Crow, Dr Kenneth Derek, of Wooton Bassett, physician .......... £282,722.
Drury, Mr Reginald John, of Esher .......... £221,552
Pegler, Mr William Lionel, of Haverfordwest .......... £285,429
Saunders, Dr Bernard Charles, of Sherborne, Dorset, lecturer in organic chemistry at Cambridge, 1936-70 .......... £273,881
Spoall, Mrs Adeline Frances, of Chislehurst .......... £334,011

## Pembroke College Oxford

The 1983 Pembroke College *Record* was sent out during March to all old members for whom the college has correct addresses. If any old member of the college has not received a copy, the Bursar will on application send him one and see that his correct address is added to the college's address records.

## Science report

# Quiet progress of the electric vehicle

**By Pearce Wright, Science Editor**

One of the hoped-for outcomes of the early manned space flights, and one that did not come to fruition, was the development of a cheap and compact fuel cell for electrically driven vehicles.

Nevertheless research has continued in Europe and the United States because of the attraction in terms of quietness and freedom from pollution of electric propulsion.

The most successful application of the fuel cell in spacecraft began with the Apollo flights in which these devices provided electricity and a water supply for astronauts as part of the same process. Although they were needed because the amount of electrical energy required for various space missions would have required a prohibitively heavy amount of conventional batteries, the fuel cells built 20 years ago did not meet the criteria for terrestrial applications for motor vehicles.

The development of commercial electric vehicles had been restricted to the milk delivery float, forklift truck and similar vehicles for local deliveries because of the intrinsic limitations of conventional batteries as sources of power: a short driving range, long recharging time and a heavy weight.

Fuel cells operate on a different principle from the battery.

They depend on an effect discovered in 1839 by Sir William Grove who found that the process of electrolysis between platinum electrodes, such as the decomposition of water into hydrogen and oxygen when an electric current is passed through the solution, could be reversed with a resultant generation of electricity and production of water.

The fuel cell is a continuous device for converting a "fuel" and "oxidant" reactant directly to electricity. Various types of fuel and oxidant have been tried. A report on trials over the past two years with a converted 15cwt van with a driving range of 150 miles before refuelling is needed is contained in *Platinum Metals Review*, a quarterly survey of research published by the Johnson Matthey group.

It describes a project in collaboration with Elenco, an organization formed to specialize in fuel cell development by the consortium of Bekaert, one of Europe's largest metallurgical laboratories; the Belgian Nuclear Research Centre, SCK/CEN; and the chemical manufacturer DSM.

This fuel cell uses hgdrogen as the fuel and air as the oxidant. The test van carries cylinders of hydrogen. But in addition to the electrical supply from the fuel cell, it also uses a second power source in the form of a flywheel intended to increase efficiency when bursts of peak power are demanded, such as acceleration. It also offers a way of recovering the energy from breaking.

The fuel cell is made up of a number of chambers stacked together. In the Elenco device a chamber capable of delivering one kilowatt of electricity would weigh about 10 kilograms and incorporate 48 electrodes. Stacks have been assembled to form a fuel cell providing four kilowatts of energy.

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# OBITUARY

## SIR ROLAND PENROSE

### Founder of Institute of Contemporary Arts

Sir Roland Penrose, CBE, who died on April 23 at the age of 83 was painter, connoiseur and art collector; but none of these labels completely comprehends the contribution he made as the proselytist of contemporary art *in Britain*, in a long and strenuous career.

From his organisation of the International Surrealist Exhibition in the *1930s* to *his* founding and chairmanship of the Institute of Contemporary Arts after the war and beyond, he exercised great and *discriminating* influence and has been aptly described as the "Diaghilev of art exhibitions." Among *his latter achievements for* many of which the nation can be grateful, was his persuading Picasso to part with "The Three *Dancers*" *of 1925 to* the Tate for a nominal sum when the work's market price would have been far beyond the gallery's *resources*.

Roland Algernon Penrose was born on October 14 1900 and educated at Leighton Park School, Reading, and Queen's College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1922.

Persuaded by Roger Fry – himself the apostle *of Gauguin*, Cézanne and the Post-Impressionists in this country – Penrose went to Paris to paint *in 1922* and *stayed there until* 1934. Though his work as a painter is overshadowed by his later achievement on behalf of art, works *of this period* which deserve notice include the Surrealist "Captain Cook's Last Voyage", now in the Tate and a portrait of the surrealist poet Valentine Boué whom he married in 1925 as his first wife.

Perhaps more importantly *during this period he began his* collection of Cubist and Surrealist works which was to lay the foundation for his educating Britain *in these subjects*. The International Surrealist Exhibition was shown in London in 1936 and was an important *milestone in the cultivation of* an understanding of these matters among the public in this country.

*From 1940 to 1942 he* served as a lecturer to the Home Guard and from 1943 to 1945 was an officer with the camouflage section of the army.

In 1947 he founded the Institute of Contemporary Arts and was its chairman from 1947 to 1969. He immediately drew attention to the scope of the aims of the Institute by organizing two big shows, the first entitled "Forty Years of Modern Art" which included some superb works from his own collection.

"Forty Thousand Years of Modern Art" which succeeded it, was even more ambitious and with its comparison of the modern and the primitive underscored the conditions in modern life which have persuaded artists to look back to the very origins of representation. Among his characteristic feats over the years was his persuading the New York Museum of Modern Art into lending on this occasion Picasso's "Les Demoiselles d'Avignon" and the Cunard Line into shipping it for nothing.

During this period he also organized a number of major *exhibitions at the Tate for the* Arts Council, having been a Tate Trustee from 1959. "Picasso" (1960) sprang naturally *from a friendship* with the painter which had begun with Penrose's being introduced to him by the poet Paul Eluard in *1934 and which had already* produced Penrose's detailed and masterly account, *Picasso his Life and Work* (1958). The exhibition was a massive popular success drawing attendance figures which surpassed all records for the Tate up to that time.

"Max Ernst" (1962), "Miro" (1964) and "Picasso sculpture" (1967) were other milestones *along a course of art appreciation* through which Penrose provided the museums with a new, more open minded and *more sharp eyed public*. The secret of his influence was paradoxically his unshakeable allegiance to Surrealism. He never arranged an exhibition which he could not associate in some way with its determination to change human lives and he thought of the Cubist masterpieces in his private collection and his marvellous examples of Chirico's metaphysical period as the inaugural works of the Surrealist adventure.

The Parisian experience on which Penrose embarked in 1922 was decisive in his life and took him far from his Quaker upbringing. The exhibitions he organised were the missionary work he undertook for the vision of life he there imbibed.

*He was appointed CBE in* 1961 and knighted in 1966.

Penrose's second wife, who died in 1977 was the American photographer Lee Miller who worked for Paris *Vogue*. One of the beautiful women celebrated in Surrealist circles she modelled for Coco Chanel; posed for some of Man Ray's most striking photographs, and Picasso painted her portrait.

## ANSEL ADAMS

Ansel Adams, the American photographer whose lyrical photographs of the American West *gave him a worldwide* reputation, died on April 23 in Monterey, California. He was 82.

Adams was celebrated not only for the beauty of his landscape photography and the clarity and precision in which he recorded it, but for the vision of a rugged, frontier America which he conveyed through the camera.

Adams had begun taking photographs at the age of 14 when his family visited the Yosemite National Park and the boy was struck by the massiveness of its towering cliffs and giant sequoia trees.

*However*, though *his photographs* of Yosemite landscapes were later to fetch large sums, Adams at that time opted for a career *as a concert pianist* and followed the training commensurate with this ambition until the age of 28 when he finally *decided to become a photographer*.

One-man exhibitions in San Francisco and an association with the celebrated but short-lived group F-64, which did a great deal to establish photography as an autonomous art in the United States, rapidly created a *reputation for Adams and he* went on to a one-man show at the New York City Art Gallery and to become a critic, teacher *and co-founder of the department* of photography at the New York Museum of Modern Art.

The essence of Adams's photographic vision was that of an America still without blemish in the physical sense. The landscape of the American West as it comes through his series of *Portfolios* between 1947 and *1976* is one which concentrates on the countryside, on old buildings and timeless people. It is the America of Walt Whitman and the American backwoodsman yet etched in a manner whose clarity and unforced grandeur acquits it of any charge of *sentimentality*.

Adams was also sensitive to the plight of minority groups and *his* photograpic surveys such as *Born Free and Equal* (1944) which documented life in a camp for Japanese internees were an *antidote to* complacency.

## MR BEN WORTHINGTON

Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC, *writes*:

The sudden death of Mr Ben Worthington on April 17 at the age of 48 represents a severe loss to disabled people for whom he worked with unflagging energy, imagination and deep commitment for nearly 25 years.

A stockbroker by profession, and a member of a distinguished brewing family, his involvement with disabled people began in the early 1960s when he wrote to me expressing interest in helping with the work being done in setting up a Cheshire Home in Northumberland. Subsequently he joined the management committee of Matfen Hall, where his rare qualities quickly became apparent.

Later, with his tireless enthusiasm he was the driving force behind the setting up of a further Cheshire Home in Durham, opened in 1972, and brought to this enourmous task his considerable organizational abilities and talent for enlisting others to help.

He became a Trustee of The Leonard Cheshire Foundation in 1976 and also took on the chairmanship of the foundation's housing association to provide housing for both able-bodied and disabled people in the community. This work *made him* increasingly interested in the concept of offering disabled people alternatives to residential Homes, so that they could enjoy a choice of lifestyle.

In 1981 he made a decision to channel all his efforts into setting up a Cheshire Foundation family support service in Newcastle offering part-time care to disabled people and families with a handicapped member living in their own homes. The service he set up has undoubtedly saved many people from being forced into residential care or from nervous breakdown. At the time *of his* death he was already planning to extend the scheme.

Ben related *with instinctive* ease and sensitivity to the many disabled people with whom he came into regular contact, and his cheerfulness and optimism were infectious to all those around him. His compassion was boundless and his generosity of spirit and willingness to take on more and more were legendary.

A *profound* influence in his life was his conversion to Roman Catholicism, which permeated every facet of his life. *He leaves a wife who* loyally supported him in all his charitable activities, and three children.

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# Questions and answers about Maxwell's plans

Whatever the outcome of Mr Robert Maxwell's breakfast time talk's with Mr Rowland over the future of *The Observer*, the episode has answered one important question about Mr Maxwell and simultaneously restated another controversial issue surrounding his business strategy.

The question that has been answered is whether he still wants to be a Fleet Street newspaper proprietor. For the past two years, since he began the monumental and impressive rescue of BPCC, the former British Printing Corporation, he has persistently claimed that he had abandoned any such ambition. In 1968 he had bid for the *The News of the World*, during the 1970s had shown interest in *The Observer*, and as recently as 1981 had joined the race for Times Newspapers. But subsequent inquiries were brushed aside on the basis that he wanted to print the national newspapers at a site on the Isle of Dogs. If he were to become a publisher of those titles as opposed to just a London evening paper, he argued, this would present an obvious conflict of interest which other Fleet Street proprietors would find hard to stomach.

One inference of his apparent change of heart is that Mr Maxwell has quietly accepted that the Fleet Street managements will not give him their printing contracts, other than for the Sunday colour supplements. His hopes were always pinned on one proprietor signing on and the others falling into line.

However, he seems to be plunging into an even more fraught conflict of interest: if he were to win *The Observer*, should it be owned by BPCC or Pergamon Press? The indications so far have been that it will go into Pergamon, which is 100 per cent owned by Mr Maxwell's family through a Lichtenstein company. BPCC is 77 per cent owned by Pergamon, the other 23 per cent being held by the public through the stock market. The conflict could be resolved by merging them.

"There is no conflict," Mr Maxwell has said. "BPCC and Pergamon are in quite different fields. Why should I merge them?" But BPCC already prints *The Observer* colour magazine, and Mr Maxwell says he will print his planned London evening newspaper on *The Observer* presses. These deals will hardly be at arm's length. And if Mr Maxwell can strike a good manning deal with *The Observer* unions, it could be highly profitable. BPCC's minority shareholders might then feel aggrieved at being denied such an opportunity.

While *The Observer* case has highlighted the conflict, it has wide implications. Most worringly, it is a conflict which existed when Pergamon itself was a public company and Mr Maxwell had other private interests. This was one of the issues at the root of the Pergamon controversy of 1969, which eventually led to Mr Maxwell taking it back under his total control. Let us hope that this time the conflict is resolved in a more orderly manner.

## Wry smiles over Yellow Book

A new Yellow Book (the manual of listing requirements) is to be issued by the Stock Exchange Council early in the autumn and will be required reading for all those involved in bringing new companies to the market.

It will also provide a few wry smiles among those directors whose companies have locked horns with the Stock Exchange over listings being cancelled or admissions refused.

Members voted yesterday – those who turned up to the poorly attended meeting – to change the deeds of settlement to allow the exchange to become the body authorized to administer the new rules once the Department of Trade has scheduled these requirements into statutory instruments.

The new regulations cover admissions of companies, prospectuses and interim trading statements.

These should have been implemented in June, 1983, but have been held up by technicalities. Brussels is not going to cause enormous anguish in London especially as these new requirements in no way affect the fast growing Unlisted Securities Market. But they are going to have a much more drastic effect on some of the more backward continental bourses and in this case harmonization can only provide opportunities for London as a financial centre which has already come to grips with modern methods of regulation.

The admission requirements involve little more than a change of format in London but do include a new right to a judicial review if a company's application is turned down or its existing listing cancelled. Exactly what form this legal appeal will take has yet to be decided but it will not be able to enforce an admission or revoke a cancellation. But a judge could issue a finding via a public statement on which a company could could take further action.

The prospectus requirements involve a great deal more information than currently, but will have more immediate impact on those companies quoted on the New York and American stock exchanges. Because of the stringent requirements already imposed on the Americans they have usually concessionary treatment in London.

The EEC demands ought not to frighten US companies away, but they do involve far more detailed information with the inclusion of a responsibility statement from directors, something already required from British executives.

The new rules will come into force in January, 1985.

## Listen to the White Paper critics

Governments and civil servants are understandably fond of the comforting saw that, if they are attacked equally from different sides of an argument, they must be getting things about right. Mr Alex Fletcher, the trade under-secretary, might apply precisely this piece of complacency based on experience to the reactions to his White Paper on Insolvency law reform. But he should not.

The brunt of criticism has divided into two main arguments. One body of critics argues that the severity of the new penalties will put off good professional directors who might have contributed to make a company teetering on, but not yet over, the abyss. The latest contribution in this vein came yesterday from the National Chamber of Trade (forthrightly headquartered at Enterprise House, Henley-on-Thames), which opposes automatic disqualification of directors in compulsory liquidations.

"The prospect is even more worrying in the case of the non-executive director, who may well have no stake in the company and may even have been appointed merely as a watchdog for a loan creditor", says the Chamber.

The other main argument, echoed yesterday by the Society of Conservative Accountants, slates Whitehall for pussy-footing over the present privileges of government and public bodies, which Sir Kenneth Cork wanted to abolish, which damage the small business creditor, and which are left untouched in the White Paper.

Mr Fletcher should not brush aside these criticisms. In one sense, they are inter-linked. The harsh penalties for directors, though not as widely drawn as many would wish, have become the star feature of the White Paper precisely because so little has been done in straightforward financial terms to ease the lot of unsecured creditors. The White Paper, though taking many steps in the right direction, always laid most emphasis on the convenience of Whitehall than the plight of those caught up in insolvency. There is a case for a rethink.

# Dollar strengthens on hopes of higher US interest rates

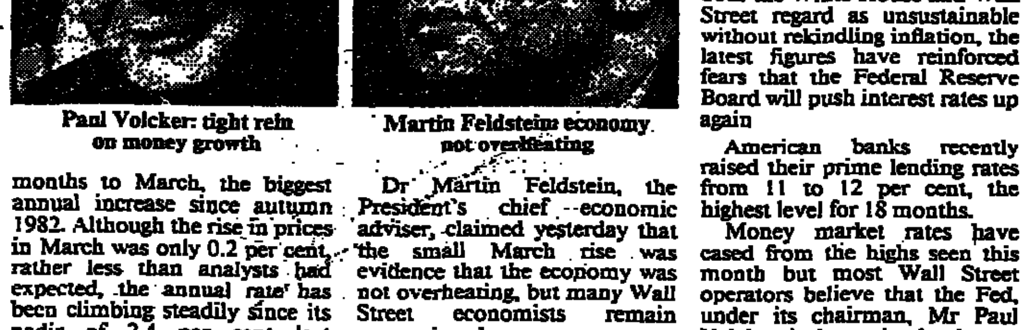
By Frances Williams
Economics Correspondent

The dollar made fresh gains on world currency markets yesterday as rising inflation and signs of a still-booming economy strengthened expectations of higher American interest rates.

The pound fell 0.85 cents to $1.4090, its lowest closing level since the end of January and not far off its all-time low of $1.3910 touched in the same month. But despite worries over the miners' strike, sterling rose against European currencies, to leave its trade-weighted index unchanged at 79.9.

The Deutschemark, hit by industrial troubles in Germany, lost 1.65 pfennings to the dollar, which closed in London at a nine-week high of DM 2.6810.

The United States Department of Commerce announced yesterday that consumer prices rose by 4.7 per cent in the 12 months to March, the biggest annual increase since autumn 1982. Although the rise in prices in March was only 0.2 per cent, rather less than analysts had expected, the annual rate has been climbing steadily since its nadir of 2.4 per cent last summer.



Paul Volcker: tight rein on money growth

Martin Feldstein: economy not overheating

Dr Martin Feldstein, the President's chief economic adviser, claimed yesterday that the small March rise was evidence that the economy was not overheating, but many Wall Street economists remain unconvinced.

Their fears were fuelled by separate figures yesterday which showed big increases in orders for machinery and other capital goods in the early months of the year.

After last week's news that United States gross national product grew at an annual rate of 8.3 per cent in the first quarter of the year, a pace that both the White House and Wall Street regard as unsustainable without rekindling inflation, the latest figures have reinforced fears that the Federal Reserve Board will push interest rates up again

American banks recently raised their prime lending rates from 11 to 12 per cent, the highest level for 18 months.

Money market rates have eased from the highs seen this month but most Wall Street operators believe that the Fed, under its chairman, Mr Paul Volcker, is determined to keep a tight rein on money growth

# Hongkong shares slip

**The Hongkong stock market plunged yesterday when it reopened after the Easter holiday – its first chance to show the local reaction to Sir Geoffrey Howe's weekend acknowledgement that Britain will yield sovereignty to China in 1997.**

**The Hang Seng index fell by 45.83 to 1,070.02 – its biggest one-day decline since Jardine Matheson said last month that it was moving its head office domicile to Bermuda.**

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### STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1105.4 down 3.0 (day's high: 1105.6; Low: 1102.8)
FT Index: 867.2 down 3.8
FT Gilts: 81.36 unchanged
FT All Share: 516.79 down 3.38
Bargains: 20,000
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 113.4 down 0.27
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1149.29 down 0.31
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,761.82 down 45.83
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1070.02 down 45.83
Amsterdam: 170.1 down 0.9
Sydney: AO Index 759.2 unchanged
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1021.6 down 1.11
Paris: CAC Index 173.4 up 0.4

### CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling
$1.4090 down 82pts
Index 79.9 unchanged
DM 3.7775 up 0.0075
FrF 11.6075 up 0.0275
Yen 318 down 1.0
Dollar
Index 128.6 up 0.8
DM 2.6810 up 0.0165
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.4075
Dollar DM 2.6830
INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.590297

### INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 8½
Finance houses base rate 9½
Discount market loans week fixed 8½-8⅝
3 month interbank 8[15]/16-8⅞
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10⅞-11
3 month DM 5⅝ - 5½
3 month Fr F13-12⅞
US rates
Bank prime rate 12.00
Fed funds 9⅜
Treasury long bond 93[21]/32-93[25]/32
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period March 7 1984 to April 3, 1984 inclusive: 8.976 per cent.

### GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $384.60 pm $383.25
close $383.50-384 (£272.25-272.75)
New York (latest): $383.75
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$395-396.50 (£280.25-281.50)

# New doubts over Esal group rescue plan

By Philip Robinson

Fresh doubts have been raised over whether a rescue package for the Esal (Commodities) group of companies will be supported by unsecured creditors owed a total of between $30m and $50m (£21.3m and £35.5m).

The package, prepared by seven bankers to Esal led by the Punjab National Bank and circulated at the weekend, contains no proposal to inject fresh capital into the Esal businesses which have not traded since January and whose assets are presently frozen by a High Court injunction.

There are no offers of payments of any significant size to unsecured creditors, no individual value placed on assets being put forward as an additional $18m security, and no plans to pay unsecured trade and non-trade creditors for six months.

The new collateral is broadly referred to as "various properties in the UK and USA, various sundry debtors, shares in a New York bank (unspecified) various racing and breeding horses."

The additional security is believed to bring the total value of assets of the Esal group to between $150m and $180m, against total disclosed debts of $212m.

However, the rescue scheme could still go ahead without the approval of all creditors. The package says approval is needed from those holding 90 per cent of the total disclosed debts in value for it to go ahead.

The banks, the Punjab National, Central Bank of India, Middle East Bank, Union Bank of India, Johnson Matthey Bankers, Oriental Credit and Allied Arab Bank, are owed about $160m. It is unlikely that all the unsecured creditors would act together and dissenter would give the banks the required 90 per cent aproval.

These companies deemed to form part of the Esal group are: Esal (Commodities) Dollascrown, Russel Fibre Dealers, Levenco International, Esal (Fashions) Quoteberry, Broughland, Globalbridge, Stanton International, Rowen International and Whitecross Development Corporation.

The new rescue steering committee will be headed by a representative of the Middle East Bank, and will have one representative from the Punjab National Bank, one from Pear Marwick Mitchell and one representing all other creditors.

In return for agreement the banks will offer a standby credit facility of a maximum $5m.

# Video trust to raise £4m

By William Kay, City Editor

London and Liverpool Trust, the company which was nearly brought to its knees by the controversial Telejector pub video venture, plans to raise nearly £4m over the next few months through a series of disposals.

This was revealed yesterday by Mr Geoffrey Cross, the chief executive, when the group announced two disposals for about £1.3m.

The first is a pair of allied businesses, James B. Russell and James B. Russell (Newcastle), which distribute U-Bix photocopiers in the Glasgow and Newcastle upon Tyne areas. These operations are profitable in themselves and fit in with LLT's new strategy, but last year they took on considerable extra overheads to handle Telejector.

They have been sold to Ygred, a newly formed private Scottish company, for £1m cash, plus about £250,000 to be paid after the debtors position has been established. The directors of Ygred have no previous connection with LLT. Mr James Russell has now resigned from the board of LLT.

In December, Telejector's sales operation was closed and this month the management of the 2,200 video sets was transferred to another private company, Atlast Leisure.

The second disposal is Hiatt Hardware, a distributor of fastenings, for £91,000 to Mr A. Yelland, a director of another LLT offshoot until last May. Net assets of Hiatt at March 31, 1983, were £17,000 and pretax profits for the year to that date were £36,000.

LLT's plan now is to concentrate on office equipment. It intends to sell interests in exhaust manufacturing and distribution, and engineering including the manufacture of handcuffs.

# Brengreen sacks deputy chairman

By Jeremy Warner

Brengreen Holdings, the commercial cleaning group, has dismissed its deputy chairman, Mr Roy Agar, for undisclosed reasons.

Mr Agar is the second long-standing director of Brengreen, which specializes in local authority refuse collection and street cleaning contracts to be dismissed in the last three years.

Mr Tony Berry was fired as a director in December, 1981, after falling out with Mr David Evans, chairman and creator of the group.

Brengreen's share price fell 1½p to a low for the year of 52p yesterday after news of Mr Agar's dismissal. At one stage last year, the company's shares were riding high at 114p anticipating huge benefits for Brengreen from the Government's policy of contracting out Health Service ancillary services.

But ever since the group made an abortive £36m take-over bid for Sunlight Services last autumn, the shares have fallen.

Mr Agar, who was appointed to the post of deputy chairman last November, sold 150,000 of his Brengreen shares at 67p each this year

# Chief quits at Crocker

The first major managerial change at Midland Bank's unprofitable American banking sudsidiary, Croker National Corporation, was announced yesterday. Mr J. Hallam Dawson has resigned as a director and vice chairman of the corporation and as a director and president of the banking subsidiary, Croker National Bank.

The resignation is the first real consequence of a new managerial team already introduced by Midland. Then, Mr John Harris was appointed senior vice chairman and Mr Frank Cahouet chairman and chief executive officer.

# Rig builder drops stake in Lithgow

Howard Doris, the Anglo-French oil rig building company, has decided against taking an equity stake in Scott Lithgow, the former state-owned shipyard, which was sold to Trafalgar House for £12m last month.

Howard Doris was orignally Trafalgar's main rival in the race to acquire Scott Lithgow, but the two companies agreed to link last month with a joint takeover approach.

Trafalgar, as part of the deal, has agreed to give Howard Doris the option of acquriing a 25 per cent minority shareholding in the yard. The deadline for exercising the option was yesterday.

Mr Albert Granville, chairman and chief executive of Howard Doris, said that the company had decided it was only interested in acquiring controlling majority stakes in pursuing its expansionary aims. This was not possible at Scott Lithgow.

Howard Doris would still be making a "major contribution" to Scott Lithgow's future, Mr Granville said, by virtue of a technical support contract is has signed with Trafalgar to help in the running of the yard.

● THE INLAND REVENUE'S attack on artificial schemes designed to avoid taxation has forced Helene of London, the textiles and fashion company, to provide £524,000 in its 1983 accounts for interest and cost on a tax liability which it must now pay.

● THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry has cleared the merger of Vickers da Costa, the stockbrokers, with Citicorp, one of America's biggest banks.

● HOGG ROBINSON Group, the travel-to-insurance broking company, said yesterday that Mr Andrew Alers-Hankey is to become group finance director from June 1. He is at present managing director of Sotheby's.

● THORN EMI is floating off a quarter of its Australian subsidiary with local investors. It is selling 10.44 million shares at A$2.50 to raise about A$26m (£24.1m) of new finance for the business.

● THE BRITISH arm of the Porsche cars group has received planning permission to build a £9m British headquarters and import centre near Reading, Berkshire.

● THE WELSH DEVELOPMENT Agency has dropped legal action to try to retrieve £2m it invested in P Leiner and Sons, which made gelatin products, and collapsed in 1980.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

# Telerate record

Telerate, the British-owned financial news service based in New York, reported record profits and earnings yesterday. This is good news for Exco International, the London money brokers which is a majority shareholder.

Net income was up 52 per cent in the second quarter to US$6.9m (£5m) from $4.5m (£3.2m) the year before. Earnings per share jumped to 16 US cents (11.4p) from 11 cents (7.8p) a year earlier. During the intervening period Telerate issued an extra 4.4 million shares. Gross revenue rose 47 per cent to $22.7m (£16.2m), from $15.5m (£11m) in the same period in 1983.

● RUSH & TOMKINS GROUP, the property and construction company, announced a rise in pretax profits from £2.3m to £2.8m for last year. Net assets per share are up from 341p to 379p after a directors' revaluation of group properties. Tempus, page 20

● NURDIN & PEACOCK is recommending a final payment of 2.1p for a full year dividend of 3.57p (3.12p) for the year ended December 31, 1983. Sales were £516m (£462m), and profits £12m (11.3m).

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# Nasdim rejects Gower on commission

By Our City Staff

The National Association of Security Dealers and Investment Managers (Nasdim) yesterday rejected any proposals which allow the Government to set commission rates for the investment industry.

In its published response to Professor Laurence Gower's report on investor protection, Nasdim says that Ministers should not be allowed to make regulations controlling the commissions of paid intermediaries who deal with investments.

Nasdim's view that these should be determined by the industry itself comes when the life assurance industry is attempting to set up a voluntary control of commissions

The self regulatory group, now a recognized organization by the Department of Trade and Industry is broadly in favour of Professor Gower's proposals and supports a revived Council for the Securities Industry to acting as coordinator of the City's self regulatory groups.

## Currency move follows Ghana's example

# Nigeria's copybook swap

By Our City staff

Nigeria's sudden replacement of its old naira currency with new bank notes announced late on Monday is likely to have only a minimal impact on international business, according to financial sources in London yesterday.

The huge currency swap operation being undertaken there appears to be a copybook exercise of the one carried out by Ghana three years ago, British sources said.

Annoucing the new currency measures, the Nigerian military government said it had closed the country's land borders to stop the smuggling of naira which had become a key factor in the "sabotage" of the country's economy.

Brigadier Tunde Idiagbon, who ranks second in the Nigerian administratiuon, said on television that the new measure was directed to render naira notes held abroad worthless.

The exchange of old notes for new which started yesterday would last until May 6. Individuals would be allowed to change only 5,000 naira (about £4,600) for new notes. Any amount above that would have to be deposited with banks along with information on ownership and source of earning, a move designed to pinpoint corruption.

"There is no good time to undertake such an operation, but if you have to try and curb the activities of currency smugglers or money hoarders, it is probably sensible for the new military regime to do it when it is able to station troops outside banks, if necessary, to ensure that it all happens in a rigidly-controlled way," one banker said.

The banker added that foreign firms involved in the import-export business are unlikely to have been doing business on contracts quoted in Naira. If they have been, they would have been doing so against guarantees of letters of credit.

"Nigerian subsidiaries of foreign companies would almost certainly have larger floats of naira than might normally be the case."

## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

It was much the mixture as before in the foreign exchange markets yesterday, with the dollar strong on the back of US interest rate expectations and the Deutschemark weak because of Germany's employment worries.

The pound, which some dealers felt might have been affected by some commercial selling as well as the dollar's strength, closed at $1.4090, down from $1.4185.

Buying of dollars was particularly noticeable just before New York opened and continued through the day.

Some light profit-taking emerged with the smaller-than-expected 0.2 per cent rise in the US consumer price index.

But the rise in March durable goods orders restored the stamina of the bulls and the dollar went ahead.

## MONEY MARKETS

Interbank opened on 8⅝ to 8½ per cent. It eased to 8½ to 8⅜ per cent, then dipped to 8⅜ to 8¼ per cent on the "flat" forecast.

That level held for the rest of the morning. It closed at about 6 per cent.

There was little movement in the periods, except for a slight softening of the near dates because of cheap overnight money. Sterling certificates of deposit saw light activity in shorter maturities, chiefly associated with some clearing banks issuing in the "ones" and "threes."

Local authorities had the benefit of about £370m Block grant, so rarely needed to approach the open market.

*Cheaper Fed funds helped the* short Eurodollar deposits to come a little easier, but the market overall remained subdued and was underpinned by concern that the US economy may be recovering too strongly for comfort.



STOCK MARKET REPORT

# GEC named as buying stake in Distillers

By Michael Clark

GEC, the electrical and electronics group, built over the years by the irrepressible Lord Weinstock, has spent part of its cash mountain, totalling £1,500m at the last count, on acquiring a stake in **Distillers**, one of Britain's largest exporters.

The influential Scottish stockbroker Wood Mackenzie says that at the end of February, GEC had acquired 10 million shares – around 2.7 per cent of the equity – since the new year as an investment. Shares of Distillers came within a whisker of the year's high yesterday, rising 4p against the trend to 286p.

Mr Ian Stephenson of Wood Mackenzie, said: "It is a fact. Wood Mackenzie has been investigating rumour and counter rumour, and monitoring the Distillers share register and can confirm that GEC has built up a stake."

*Spear and Jackson International rose 4p to 150p yesterday ahead of full-year figures later today which should see the group firmly back on the road to recovery. Analysts expect last year's losses of £1.08m to be replaced with pretax profits of £2m. Confirmation of a return to profits could also lead to renewed speculation of a long-awaited bid – possibly from Jenks & Cattell.*

Rumours that somebody had been building up a stake in Distillers have been circulating since Christmas. At yesterday's level, Distillers is valued at £1,025m which means GEC could acquire it for cash and still walk away with change.

A spokesman for GEC said: "We don't comment on things of that nature". The news will only serve to heighten takeover speculation for the Johnnie Walker to White Horse scotch group.

The rest of the equity market continued to enjoy the extended Easter break with prices drifting on lack of interest as the account ended the final leg of an extra long three weeker. Turnover was down to a trickle as fund managers decided to make the most of the sunny weather, although the undertone was described as firm. The FT Index closed below its worst level of the day 3.81 off at 876.2, having been 5.0 down earlier in the day.

Press tips and takeover situations again dominated interest as dealers awaited ICI's first quarter figures, out tomorrow.

Analysts are looking for pretax profits of between £220m and £230m against £128m last time, helped by the strength of the Deutschmark and booming chemical sales. The shares lost 10p at 600p.

Government securities resisted the trend, scoring gains of up to £½ at the longer end, before renewed weakness in the pound on the foreign exchange saw them close below their best levels. By the close the gains had been reduced to around £⅛ in moderate trade with the FT Government Securities Index closing unchanged at 81.68.

On the bid front, **De Vere Hotels** raced ahead 10p to 320p on bid speculation as overseas lawyers tried to pick up shares in an extremely thin market. Mr Leopold Muller, chairman, and his family control just over 50 per cent and has recently been regared as a willing seller. De Vere, which owns 14 provincial hotels and the Mirabelle Club in St James's along with several restaurants saw a £47m bid from Mr Gerald Holland's private company, **Selfpost**, collapse last year after he failed to offer the necessary financial guarantees.

The broker Fielding Newson-Smith recently issued a circular on the company urging investors to hold on to their shares pending further developments. The market is now convinced a second bid may now be in the offing.

**GRA Group**, the controlling body of greyhound racing in Britain, has finally reduced its stake in **Southend Stadium** below the important 30 per cent level with the sale of another 50,000 shares. It now owns 29.4 per cent of the total. The sales have been carried out quietly over the past few weeks after the decision of Mr Jim Slater's **Yelverton Investments** to take a near 30 per cent stake. This has led to speculation that, with new backing, the board of Southend may now decide to develop part of its impressive property portfolio. GRA Group closed unchanged at 65½p.

The leading clearing banks were a dull market with only **Midland** holding out unchanged at 379p, despite recent big losses from its US subsidiary **Crocker**. **Barclays** lost an early lead to close 3p lower at 473p, while **Lloyds** fell 5p to 617p and **National Westminster** 5p to 639p.

Profit-taking clipped the odd penny from **Clive Discount** at 63p, **Jessel Toynbee** at 105p and **Smith St Aubyn** at 67p

There was also renewed weakness among the insurance composites. Bearish comment over the weekend lopped 8p from **Commercial Union** at one stage, but the shares later rallied to close only 6p lower at 210p.

*The stockbroker Robert Wigram is placing 878,000 shares (49 per cent) at 62½p a share in Plan Invest Group, one of Britain's largest independent unit trust portfolio advisers, boasting funds of £25m. At this level, the group is valued at £1.37m and comes to market on a price-earnins ratio of 15.78 after seeing pretax profits almost double to £155,000 last year. The thinness of the market is enough to ensure that the shares open at a healthy premium in first-time dealings.*

The broker **Laurie, Milbank** says that the shares have benefited from rumours of the group's troubled US interests being sold off, but such a move is unlikely. The outlook for the company over the next two years is promising, but investors should consider switching into **Royal Insurance**, 3p lower at 568p. Others to lose ground included **General Accident** 2p to 458p, **Guardian Royal Exchange** 5p to 573p, **Minster Assets** 7p to 140p and **Phoenix** 5p to 456p.

**Dura Mill**, one of the smallest publicly quoted companies in this country, spurted another 95p to a new high of 375p – 150p above the 225p a share offer by Mr David Burne, former financial journalist

Equity turnover on April 19, was £253,357m (16,627 bargains). The number of British and Irish stocks traded was 136.1 million Gilt bargains totalled 2,710.

## COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **EMESS LIGHTING**: Results for 18 months to Dec. 31, 1983, compared woth previous 12 months. Turnover £6.53m (£3.17m). Pretax profit £703,000 (£337,000). Total dividend, 12.5p, equal to an annualized 8.33p, against 7.5p for previous year. One-for one scrip issue proposed. Board reports that 1984 promises further progress as Emess, after the recent Michael Black takeover, has pro-forma net tangible assets of £4.5m, £1m in cash and liquid assets, no debt and an enlarged trading base. Current year has started well

● **BARTON GROUP**: Results for 1983. Turnover £48.58m (£47.36m). Pretax profit £1.29m (£400,000).

● **FEB INTERNATIONAL**: Results for 1983. Turniver £25.75m (£21.58m). Pretax profit £1.07m (£862,000). Total payment 2.64p (2.4p). Group's land and buildings have been revalued, giving surplus of £773,000. Trading results so far this year are satisfactory.

● **LEX SERVICE**: Mr Trevor Chinn, chairman, reports in his annual statement the 1984 has started well.

● **NEW AUSTRALIA INVESTMENT TRUST**: Pretax profit £82,000 (£128,000) for half-year to March 31, 1984.

● **HOME COUNTIES NEWSPAPERS**: Mr R. W. S. Gibbs, chairman, reports that 1984 has started more promisingly than 1983.

● **THOMAS WARRINGTON & SONS**: Results for 1983. Turnover £12.27m (£9.93m). Pretax profit £419,000 (£616,000). Dividend 6.16 (same).

● **MOSS BROS**: Year to Jan 28, 1984. Turnover £16.78m (£11.04m). Pretax profit £649,000 (£502,000). Total dividend 4.79p (3.55p).

● **WILLIAM MORRIS**: Application made for permission to deal in ordinary shares of William Morris Fine Arts (formerly Ceylon and Indian Planters' Holdings) in unlisted securities market. Dealings expected to start on April 30. Broker, Le Mare, Martin is placing 5 million 10p shares at 10p each.

## Gilt-edged market

A passage in the last paragraph of yesterday's article on the gilt-edged market should have read: "Those who dislike paying over par could consider Exchequer 10¼ per cent at 97½ to yield 11.06 per cent. At the longer end of the spectum, Treasury 13 per cent 2000 yields 10.92 per cent at 119¼."

TEMPUS

# Unilever separates the men from the boys

*The growing amount* of information a company must disclose in its annual report and accounts has prompted Unilever to make a distinction this year between the financial information required by law and what it considers to "the most significant information and figures".

*Instead* of a single annual report and accounts the company has produced two documents, a full report and accounts which has no illustrations and a slimmer booklet entitled *Unilever in 1983* which is illustrated with charts and pictures.

It is a frightning condemnation of the present state of statutory reporting that seperate document is needed to allow users of accounts a reasonable chance of understanding how a company has fared during the year. The distinction between those who understand the figures and those who do not is clearer than ever before. In Unilever's case, its problem is compounded because of the unusual structure of the company.

It has both a Dutch and a British parent company which are required to comply with different statutory regulations. The combined results of the two businesses are more importent to shareholders but the laws of the Netherlands and Britain are sufficiently at odds to force a variety of presentations.

There is little doubt that of the two documents, the shorter, more colourful summary is more attractive than the statutory information which has a duller layout and contains notes to the accounts which are barely legible.

Perhaps the irony is that for the 57,000 individual shareholders in the British company the summary provides more appropriate information for their needs. It shows that the return on shareholders' equity, the return on capital employed and the ratio of turnover to capital employed are all lower than in 1978 and that all the ratios have declined steadily over the last three years.

These may not be the most significant indicators but the summary also reveals that the ratio of dividend payments to retained earnings has remained fairly constant in the last years as has the current assets to liabilities ratio. Gearing has been gradually reduced leaving the overall impression that Unilever is a solid if not spectacular imvestment.

## Nurdin & Peacock

The onward march of the grocery multiples, in double quick time, should, in theory, spell the end for independent cash wholesalers like Nurdin & Peacock, as the corner shops, their main customers, are progressively squeezed. Stockbrokers certainly believe this, witness Nurdin's spectacular market underperformance during the last year. Bearish conclusions about the group do have some statistical support. During 1983 small retail grocery businesses showed no growth at all, while larger organizations expanded by 12 per cent.

Against this gloomy background, Nurdin's 1983 results came as an unexpected surprise. Sales gains in both halves were uniform, at just under 12 per cent, comprising total volume growth of perhaps 6 per cent. A first half profits slowdown was reversed during the second half, to give a pretax outcome, at £12m, nearly £0.5m above market expectations. Earnings jumped by over 20 per cent.

Nurdin is vague about its anomalous performance, relative to the sector-background, but concedes that sheer management virtuosity may have played an important role.

It is possible that Nurdin is now mounting a counter-attack against the erosion of its market. This year's final figures contain an outspoken attack by the chairman on the multiples, which may help to sweeten Nurdin's relationship with the manufacturers. Against persistent slippage in the group's capital ratios since the mid-seventies, Nurdin is now acting to defend profits at the gross margine level, while a dividend rise of over 14 per cent should help preserve the value of the paper.

Yesterday's response to the figures and the statement was predictable. Profit estimates for 1984 were revised upwards to £13m, and the shares closed unchanged on the day at 146p, to give an undemanding prospective multiple of 10.3. The market will take some convincing that Nurdin has any growth potential left. Meanwhile balance-sheet cash of about £28m gives the rating some basic support.

## Rush & Tompkins

Rush & Tompkins Group, the property and construction concern, say its pretax profits rise by 22 per cent to £2.8m last year and it is heading for more than £3.5m during 1984. Yet its share price – up 2p yesterday to 254p – remains at a much higher discount to net assets than property companies generally. The Rush & Tompkins discount is 33 per cent and the average about 23 per cent.

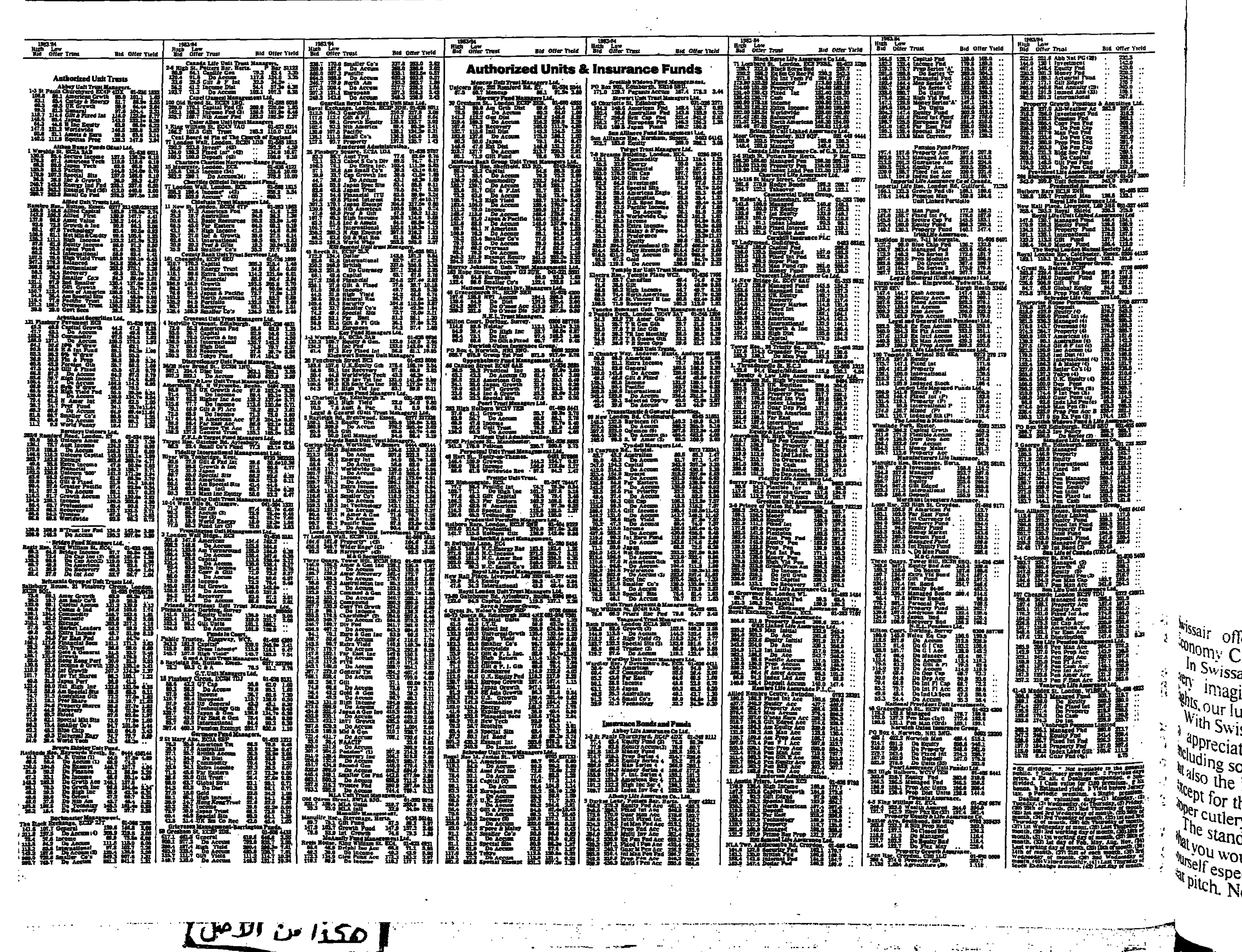
The reason lies with the group's exposure to construction and civil engineering. Just how risky this business can be was illustrated last year when the group's overseas construction turnover, projected at £20m, turned out at £5m because work on a £15m contract to build a dam and tunnel in Ethiopia began ten months later. The delay is estimated to have cost about £400,000 in lost profits.

The construction as a whole, supported by British contracts, nevertheless increased its contribution to profits and is poised for a further substantial rise this year.

Rush & Tomkins accepts that its gearing is higher than seems prudent. Net borrowings rose from £24m to £33m last year

There is a futher £4m due from the sale of the group's land bank at the end of 1982, and some parts of the £60m development programme in Britain are destined for sale once completed. The Horley project, which is due for completion in the autumn, will be sold for about £7m.

So with little prospect of earnings or assets dilution by way of a rights issue, the shares, which are supported by 4.1 per cent yield and exciting prospects for the off-balance sheet financed American property interests, may be due for rerating.



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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Gilts steady, Equities drift

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, April 9. Dealings End, April 27. § Contango Day, April 30. Settlement Day, May 8
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.




## BRITISH FUNDS

| 1983/84 High | Low | Stock | | | Price | Ch'ge | Int. only Yield | Gross Red. Yield |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SHORTS | | | | | | | | |
| 104½ | 100¼ | Exch | 14% | 1984 | 100 | • .. | 13.933 | 7.282 |
| 98 | 92¾ | Exch | 3% | 1984 | 98 | .. | 3.031 | 9.904 |
| 102¾ | 100½ | Treas | 12% | 1984 | 101 | .. | 11.859 | 8.854 |
| 107¾ | 104½ | Treas | 15% | 1985 | 104½ | .. | 14.355 | 9.136 |
| 107 | 101 | Exch Cv | 12% | 1985 | 102¾ | .. | 11.722 | 9.174 |
| 94 | 88¾ | Treas | 3% | 1985 | 94 | •+ | 3.160 | 8.042 |
| 103 | 99½ | Treas | 11½% | 1985 | 102¾ | .. | 11.247 | 9.488 |
| 102 | 95½ | Treas C | 8% | 1985 | 98 | .. | 8.855 | 9.680 |
| 104 | 100 | Exch | 12% | 1985 | 103 | •− | 11.843 | 9.826 |
| 103 | 99¼ | Exch | 11% | 1986 | 103 | − | 11.400 | 9.887 |
| 102 | 98 | Treas C | 10% | 1986 | 100 | .. | 9.963 | 9.779 |
| 90 | 85 | Treas | 3% | 1986 | 89 | • .. | 3.361 | 8.815 |
| 102 | 97¼ | Exch C | 10½% | 1986 | 100 | • .. | 10.421 | 10.096 |
| 104 | 100 | Treas | 12% | 1986 | 103 | .. | 11.622 | 10.237 |
| 98 | 94 | Treas | 8½% | 1984-86 | 97 | .. | 8.752 | 9.976 |
| 87 | 84½ | Exch | 2½% | 1986 | 85 | •+ | 2.909 | 8.718 |
| 109½ | 105 | Exch | 14% | 1986 | 108 | • .. | 12.955 | 10.288 |
| 107 | 103 | Exch | 13% | 1987 | 106 | .. | 12.427 | 10.382 |
| 100½ | 95 | Treas C | 10% | 1987 | 99 | .. | 10.296 | 10.411 |
| 86½ | 80¼ | Exch | 2½% | 1987 | 84½ | .. | 2.972 | 8.965 |
| 101 | 95 | Exch | 10½% | 1987 | 100 | .. | 10.500 | 10.494 |
| 93 | 88 | Fund | 6½% | 1985-87 | 91 | • .. | 7.143 | 10.034 |
| 99 | 97 | Treas | 10% | 1987 | 98½ | .. | 10.132 | 10.558 |
| 85 | 80½ | Treas | 3% | 1987 | 82 | .. | 3.625 | 9.329 |
| 105 | 99 | Treas | 12% | 1987 | 103 | •− | 11.545 | 10.619 |
| 95 | 89 | Treas | 7¾% | 1985-88 | 92 | .. | 8.368 | 10.148 |
| 102 | 95 | Exch | 10½% | 1988 | 99 | • . | 10.526 | 10.573 |
| 104 | 99 | Treas IL | 2% | 1988 | 103 | . | ... | 4.674 |
| 99½ | 95 | Treas C | 9% | 1988 | 97 | − | 10.045 | 10.628 |
| 82 | 75 | Trans | 3% | 1978-88 | 79 | . | 3.797 | 9.151 |
| 99 | 91 | Treas | 9½% | 1988 | 95 | − | 9.915 | 10.688 |

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## MINES
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## OIL
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## PROPERTY
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## PLANTATIONS
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## MISCELLANEOUS

| 1983/84 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 35½ | Essex Wtr 3.5% | £40½ | .. | 500 | 12.3 | .. |
| 91 | 22 | Gt Nthn Tele | £70 | −1½ | 150 | 2.1 | 31.7 |
| 72 | 39 | Milford Docks | 48 | +1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | .. |
| 92 | 73 | Nesco Inv | 73 | −3 | 10.0 | 13.7 | .. |
| 42 | 35½ | Sunderlnd Wtr | £40½ | .. | 500 | 12.3 | .. |

## UNLISTED SECURITIES

| 1983/84 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 475 | 291½ | Air Call | 418 | .. | 8.0 | 1.9 | 20.9 |
| 143 | 53 | Berkeley Exp | 118 | .. | ..e | .. | .. |
| 36 | 7 | Bula Resources | 28 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 348 | 160 | Cent Ind TV NV | 238 | • +5 | 9.3 | 3.9 | 14.5 |
| 300 | 110 | Cornell Hldgs | 253 | −3 | ..e | .. | .. |
| 60 | 43 | Fed Housing | 58 | .. | 3.5 | 6.0 | 7.0 |
| 148 | 114 | Gee (Cecil) | 148 | .. | 3.0 | 2.0 | 16.6 |
| 101 | 66 | Godwin Warren | 99 | .. | 2.0b | 2.0 | 14.3 |
| 430 | 335 | Merrydown Wine | 395 | .. | 7.1 | 1.8 | 16.6 |
| 160 | 113 | Metal Bulletin | 160 | .. | 9.4 | 5.9 | 13.8 |
| 920 | 265 | Micro Focus | 860 | .. | ..b | .. | .. |
| 298 | 140 | Microlease | 265 | .. | 2.8b | 1.1 | 20.2 |
| 270 | 133 | Miles 33 | 233 | .. | 2.9 | 1.2 | 24.8 |
| 51 | 25 | New Court Nat | 45 | .. | 1.7 | 3.8 | 17.1 |
| 31½ | 22½ | Owners Abroad | 26¾ | • −½ | 0.7 | 2.7 | 4.9 |
| 52 | 8½ | Parkfield Fndry | 35 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 203 | 150 | Pericom | 188 | .. | 2.4 | 1.3 | 29.8 |
| 155 | 123 | Securiguard | 153 | .. | 2.5 | 1.6 | 28.6 |
| 88 | 48 | S.W. Resources | 61 | .. | 2.6 | 4.3 | .. |

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

## RECENT ISSUES

| | Closing Price |
|---|---|
| Body Shop International 5p Ord (95a) | 170−2 |
| Burmatex 10p Ord (155) | 182 |
| CPS Computer 20p Ord (67a) | 165 |
| Chart J Roths Pac Inv 25p Ord | 100 |
| Cambium Venture 5p Ord | 20½ |
| Denman's Electrical 25p Ord (162a) | 175 |
| Dewey Warren Hldgs 10p Ord (a) | 113−2 |
| Formdesign 20p Ord (114a) | 135 |
| Havelock Europa 10p Ord (75a) | 88 |
| Horne Robert Group 30p Ord | 117+1 |
| Do "A" NV (At 156 per unit a) | 109 |
| Meadow Farm 10p Ord (130a) | 154−1 |
| Norbain Electronics 5p Ord (116a) | 205 |
| Nth Sea & Gen Oil £1 Ord (125a) | 113 |
| Our Price 20p Ord (215) | 235 |
| Pantherella 25p Ord (80pa) | 103 |
| Petranol 10p Ord (215) | 333+15 |
| Platon Int 25p Ord (120a) | 143 |
| Powerline Int 5p Ord (160a) | 250 |
| Ramco Oil Services 10p Ord (70a) | 100+1 |
| Scantronic Hldgs 2½p Ord (78a) | 128 |
| Systems Reliability 10p Ord (210) | 472+2 |
| Tod W & J 5p Ord (143a) | 175 |

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.

## MONEY MARKETS

Clearing Banks Base Rate 8½%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 8½ Low 6

Week Fixed: 8½-8⅝

**Treasury Bills (Dis%)**

| Buying | | Selling | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 months | 8 | 2 months | 8 |
| 3 months | 8 | 3 months | 8 |

**Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 8½-8 | 1 month | 9 |
| 2 months | 8-8 | 2 months | 9 |
| 3 months | 8-8 | 3 months | 9 |
| 6 months | 8-8 | 6 months | 9 |

**Local Authority Bonds**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 9-8 | 7 months | 9½-9 |
| 2 months | 9-8 | 8 months | 9-9 |
| 3 months | 9-8 | 9 months | 9-9 |
| 4 months | 9-9 | 10 months | 9-9 |
| 5 months | 9-9 | 11 months | 9-9 |
| 6 months | 9-9 | 12 months | 9-9 |

**Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 8-8 | 6 months | 9-9 |
| 3 months | 8-8 | 12 months | 9-9 |

**Local Authority Market (%)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 days | 8½ | 3 months | 8 |
| 7 days | 8½ | 6 months | 9 |
| 1 month | 8½ | 1 year | 9 |

**Interbank Market (%)**

Overnight: Open 8-8 Close 6

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 week | 8-8 | 6 months | 9-9 |
| 1 month | 8-8 | 9 months | 9-9 |
| 3 months | 8-8½ | 12 months | 9½-9 |

**First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)**
3 months 8 6 months 9

Finance House Base Rate 9½%

## FOREIGN EXCHANGES
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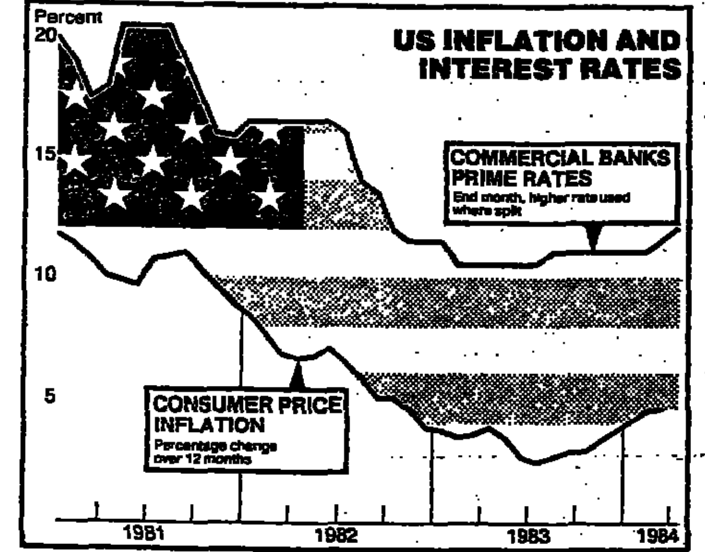
# Why the Fed cannot solve its impossible dilemma unaided

In a presidential election year, the US Federal Reserve Board suffers from a serious disadvantage. It is not an important political force. As its senior officials have only a few hundred votes, no presidential candidate need worry about alienating them.

Mr Reagan, Mr Mondale and Mr Hart will invest a great deal of time and effort on the union vote, the middle-class vote, the black vote, the Jewish vote and the numerous other sectional constituencies which make up American society. They will not spend five minutes on improving their popularity with the nation's central bankers.

The Fed's electoral impotence makes it ideal as a target for abuse. An economist has nothing to lose in criticizing it for not following his pet theoretical policy recommendations; a politician has nothing to lose in blaming it for all economic ills; and a president has nothing to lose in giving it an impossible task.

The Fed has two particular responsibilities. It should maintain a sound currency by restricting inflation and it should protect the American banking system from insolvency. In attempting to discharge both these responsibilities its position today is almost untenable. Its dilemma is mainly the result of President Reagan's fiscal policies.




### The Fed's electoral impotence makes it an ideal target for abuse

If the Fed's anti-inflation role were its only one, it could perform the necessary deeds without much practical difficulty, although with considerable political fuss. Whenever it sees signals of a future acceleration in inflation, it can raise interest rates to check demand, slow money supply growth and curb inflationary pressures.

The last example of this standard procedure was in 1981 and 1982. In terms on the effect on inflation, the exercise was clearly a success. There is no doubt that the same medicine can be repeated and that it would have the same results. Indeed, if the political backing was there, the Federal Reserve would have little technical trouble maintaining a stable price level for an indefinately long period.

At present, the level of interest rates required to keep inflation under control is exceptionally high, particularly in real terms. Capacity utilization is reaching the point at which inflation tends to rise because of supply problems. Shortages of certain key products, such as paper, semiconductors and even some types of steel, have been reported and significant price increases are inevitable.

To prevent an even greater resurgence of inflation, demand must not in future expand any faster than supply. Since the underlying growth rate of American output is probably no more than 3 to 4 per cent a year, the increase in aggregate demand must be brought down to about the same figure. But in the first quarter aggregate demand grew by about 9 per cent.

It follows that interest rates must be raised. Two 0.5 per cent increases in prime rate were announced in late March and early April. They will dampen activity to some extend but it seems doubtful that they will be sufficient to eliminate inflationary worries. The numbers so far available for April suggest continued buoyancy in the economy.

So rates may have to go up by another 1 or 2 per cent. That would put prime rates at 13 to 14 per cent, compared with an inflation rate of under 4 per cent. The record for primes was 21.5 per cent in December, 1980, when inflation was about 12 per cent. Although the nominal rate needed for inflation control is lower today, the real rate is very similar.

Why would the establishment of real interest rates of about 10 per cent cause the Fed so much embarassment? Why would it create an impossible dilemma in reconciling the two objectives of holding down inflation and preserving a solvent banking system?

The answer is that many large American banks have a significant group of creditors, the governments of less developed countries, for whom 10 per cent real dollar interest rates are economically intolerable. Perhaps more important from the banks' point of view, they will eventually prove unpayable. When the LDCs default – or, more realistically, when the various rescheduling negotiations become such a manifest charade that bank accountants finally say enough is enough – the banks will have to regard their LDC loans as bad debts.

This recognition will require several banks to write off a high proportion, and in some cases all, of their capital and reserves. Unless emergency aid is then given, probably in the form of cheap long-term government finance as a substitute for equity, the banks concerned will have to stop lending not only to the LDCs, but also to their American customers. If this were to happen, the impact on economic activity – both in the US and the rest of the world – would be dramatic.

Here is the rub. Real dollar interest rates of 10 per cent seem to be required to contain domestic inflationary pressures in the US. But such rates place an unacceptable burden on LDC borrowers and their ultimate inability to service debt will destroy the solvency of the American banking system.

It could be argued against this view that the LDCs took on their debts with their eyes open and that they must now repay, just as domestic borrowers in the US are expected to do. Unfortunately, in the case of the major Latin American nations this is just not on. Countries such as Brazil, Argentina and Chile have external debt equal to 50 per cent or more of national income. To keep the real value of the debt constant they must – in a world of 10 per cent real interest rates – run trade surpluses amounting to 5 per cent of national income.

At present, some Latin American nations are, indeed, achieving surpluses of nearly this size. But terrible costs are involved. Not only are their economies suffering recessions of a severity almost unimaginable by OECD standards, but also and more fundamentally they are jeopardizing their long-term growth prospects.

Domestic savings are very low in most of Latin America, often only 10 to 15 per cent of national income. If 5 per cent is absorbed to maintain external equilibrium, little is left for additions to the capital stock. Without new investment there cannot be economic growth and without economic growth there is certain to be intensified political unrest.

What can the Federal Reserve do? As the roots of its dilemma lie in excessive real interest rates, the obvious solution might appear to be a deliberate attempt to reduce them. But the Fed has control only over nominal rates. It cannot control real rates in the long run.

The determinants of real rates are, indeed, real characteristics of the economy. The two most important are the budget deficit and the tax system. President Reagan has created a budget deficit so large that potential investors in government debt must receive very high real returns to compensate them for the risk of complete financial debauchery; and he has "reformed" the tax system so that the incentives to borrow and spend within the US are stronger now than ever before.

### The Fed has control only over nominal interest rates

This is the key difference between domestic borrowers and soverign borrowers abroad. Domestic borrowers are allowed to deduct interest payments from the tax bills they owe to the US government, but sovereign borrowers in Latin America cannot. In this respect President Reagan's supply-side tax policies have exacerbated the Federal Reserve's dilemma.

The Fed has a good record over the last few years. It has maintained as firm an anti-inflationary stand as possible given the exigencies of presidential policies and the waywardness of Latin American debtors. But it cannot solve insoluble problems. Unless it receives more sympathy from he presidential candidates than its electoral clout justifies, critical inconsistencies in American financial policy will remain and could well intensify.

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## COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● ANCHOR CHEMICAL: Pretax profit for 1983, £641,000 (£553,000). Turnover £14.23m (£13.31m). Total dividend 3.25p (3p) a share. Board reports an improvement in demand in the last few months of 1983 which has continued into current year.

● CLEMENT CLARKE (HOLDINGS): In spite of turnover expanding from £16.03m to £17.55m, pretax profits slipped from £2.73 to £2.15m in 1983. Total dividend 4.06p (3.5p, adjusted).

● BENTALLS: In the year to Jan 28, 1984, turnover rose by 9 per cent to £58.38m and pretax profits by 24 per cent to £2.6m as a result of real growth in sales volume and the benefit of interest savings. Total dividend, 1.75p (1.6p). Since February, trade has been disappointing and sales are running below budget.

● LAURENCE GOULD (USM quotation): Total dividend of 3.15p net a share for 1983, compared with prospectus forecast of 2.975p. Turnover £3.85m (£2.91m). Trading profit £345,000 (£264,000).

● BARDSEY: Pretax profit for 1983, £74,000, against loss of £250,000. Turnover £34.06m (£34.7m). Nominal dividend of 0.05p, against 0.1p.

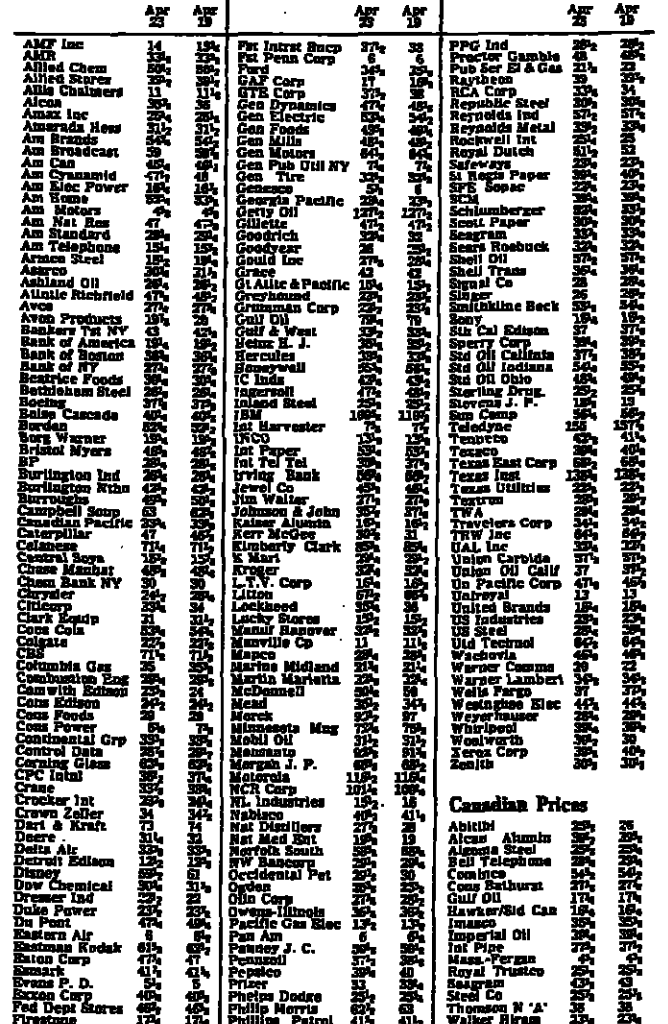
## WALL STREET

# Bank offer rejected

Boulder, Colorado (AP Dow Jones). Affiliated Bankshares of Colorado yesterday said its directors had unanimously rejected an unsolicited $230m (£162.5m) takeover proposal from the United Banks of Colorado.

Affiliated said its board considered the United Banks' offer inadequate and said it planned to pursue its previously announced merger with Intrawest Financial Corporation.

United Banks declined to say whether it would pursue its takeover effort. But a statement issued by the bank last night suggested that pursuit was a strong possibility.



| | Apr 23 | Apr 19 |
|---|---|---|
| AMF Inc | 14 | 13¾ |
| AMR | 33¼ | 33⅝ |
| Allied Chem | 50½ | 50¾ |
| Allied Stores | 39⅞ | 39¼ |
| Allis Chalmers | 11 | 11⅛ |
| Alcoa | 35¾ | 36 |
| Amax Inc | 25¾ | 26¼ |
| Amerada Hess | 31½ | 31½ |
| Am Brands | 54¾ | 54½ |
| Am Broadcast | 59 | 58¾ |
| Am Can | 45¼ | 46¼ |
| Am Cyanamid | 47⅞ | 48 |
| Am Elec Power | 16¾ | 16½ |
| Am Home | 53¼ | 53⅝ |
| Am Motors | 4⅝ | 4⅝ |
| Am Nat Res | 47 | 47⅛ |
| Am Standard | 28¼ | 28¼ |
| Am Telephone | 15¼ | 15¼ |
| Armco Steel | 15½ | 15¾ |
| Asarco | 30¾ | 31½ |
| Ashland Oil | 29¼ | 29½ |
| Atlantic Richfield | 47⅝ | 48⅞ |
| Avco | 27⅝ | 27¾ |
| Avon Products | 19⅞ | 20 |
| Bankers Tst NY | 43 | 42½ |
| Bank of America | 19¼ | 19½ |
| Bank of Boston | 38⅝ | 38¾ |
| Bank of NY | 27¾ | 27⅝ |
| Beatrice Foods | 30¼ | 30¼ |
| Bethlehem Steel | 26¼ | 26¼ |
| Boeing | 37⅝ | 37⅝ |
| Boise Cascade | 40¼ | 40⅝ |
| Borden | 52⅝ | 52½ |
| Borg Warner | 19¾ | 19⅝ |
| Bristol Myers | 48⅝ | 48¾ |
| BP | 28¼ | 28¼ |
| Burlington Ind | 26⅝ | 26¼ |
| Burlington Nthn | 42½ | 42¾ |
| Burroughs | 49⅝ | 50¾ |
| Campbell Soup | 63 | 62⅝ |
| Canadian Pacific | 35¼ | 35⅝ |
| Caterpillar | 47 | 46⅝ |
| Celanese | 71¼ | 71½ |
| Central Soya | 15⅞ | 15⅝ |
| Chase Manhat | 48⅝ | 48¾ |
| Chem Bank NY | 30 | 30 |
| Chrysler | 24½ | 25¼ |
| Citicorp | 33⅝ | 34 |
| Clark Equip | 31 | 31½ |
| Coca Cola | 53⅝ | 54⅝ |
| Colgate | 22⅞ | 22⅞ |
| CBS | 71½ | 71⅝ |
| Columbia Gas | 35 | 35⅝ |
| Combustion Eng | 28¼ | 28⅝ |
| Comwlth Edison | 23⅝ | 24 |
| Cons Edison | 24½ | 24½ |
| Cons Foods | 29 | 29 |
| Cons Power | 6⅝ | 7¼ |
| Continental Grp | 33⅝ | 33⅝ |
| Control Data | 28⅝ | 28⅞ |
| Corning Glass | 65⅝ | 65⅜ |
| CPC Intnl | 38½ | 37¾ |
| Crane | 33⅝ | 33¾ |
| Crocker Int | 25⅝ | 30¼ |
| Crown Zeller | 34 | 34½ |
| Dart & Kraft | 73 | 74 |
| Deere | 31¼ | 32 |
| Delta Air | 33⅝ | 33⅝ |
| Detroit Edison | 12½ | 12⅝ |
| Disney | 59⅝ | 61 |
| Dow Chemical | 30¼ | 31⅛ |
| Dresser Ind | 22⅞ | 22 |
| Duke Power | 23⅝ | 23⅝ |
| Du Pont | 47¼ | 49⅝ |
| Eastern Air | 6 | 6⅛ |
| Eastman Kodak | 61⅞ | 62⅞ |
| Eaton Corp | 47⅝ | 47 |
| Esmark | 41⅞ | 42¼ |
| Evans P. D. | 5⅜ | 5 |
| Exxon Corp | 40⅝ | 40⅝ |
| Fed Dept Stores | 46⅝ | 46⅝ |
| Firestone | 17¼ | 17⅛ |
| Fst Chicago | 22⅝ | 23¼ |

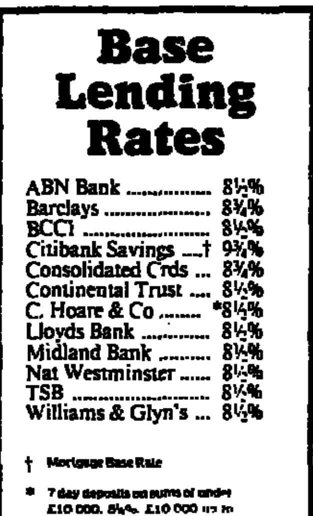
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| GAF Corp | 17 | 16¾ |
| GTE Corp | 37⅝ | 38 |
| Gen Dynamics | 47⅞ | 48⅛ |
| Gen Electric | 53¾ | 54½ |
| Gen Foods | 49⅝ | 49¾ |
| Gen Mills | 48⅝ | 48½ |
| Gen Motors | 64⅛ | 64⅝ |
| Gen Pub Util NY | 7¼ | 7¼ |
| Gen Tire | 32⅝ | 32¾ |
| Genesco | 5⅝ | 6 |
| Georgia Pacific | 23¼ | 23⅝ |
| Getty Oil | 127½ | 127½ |
| Gillette | 47½ | 47½ |
| Goodrich | 32⅝ | 32 |
| Goodyear | 26 | 26½ |
| Gould Inc | 27⅝ | 28¼ |
| Grace | 42 | 42 |
| Gt Atlic & Pacific | 15¼ | 15⅝ |
| Greyhound | 23⅝ | 23⅝ |
| Grumman Corp | 23⅞ | 23¼ |
| Gulf Oil | 78¼ | 79 |
| Gulf & West | 33⅝ | 33¼ |
| Heinz H. J. | 38⅝ | 38½ |
| Hercules | 33⅝ | 33⅝ |
| Honeywell | 55⅝ | 58¼ |
| IC Inds | 43⅝ | 43¼ |
| Ingersoll | 47½ | 48⅝ |
| Inland Steel | 25⅝ | 25½ |
| IBM | 109⅝ | 110⅝ |
| Int Harvester | 7⅝ | 7⅝ |
| INCO | 13⅝ | 13⅝ |
| Int Paper | 53¼ | 53⅝ |
| Int Tel Tel | 39⅝ | 37⅝ |
| Irving Bank | 58⅝ | 60½ |
| Jewel Co | 45⅝ | 46¼ |
| Jim Walter | 27⅝ | 27⅝ |
| Johnson & John | 35¼ | 37¼ |
| Kaiser Alumin | 16⅝ | 16½ |
| Kerr McGee | 30¾ | 31 |
| Kimberly Clark | 85⅝ | 85¼ |
| K Mart | 29⅝ | 29½ |
| Kroger | 32¾ | 32¾ |
| L.T.V. Corp | 16¼ | 16⅝ |
| Litton | 67½ | 68¼ |
| Lockheed | 35⅝ | 36 |
| Lucky Stores | 15½ | 15½ |
| Manuf Hanover | 32½ | 32⅝ |
| Manville Cp | 11 | 11⅛ |
| Mapco | 28¼ | 28¾ |
| Marine Midland | 21¼ | 21¼ |
| Martin Marietta | 32⅝ | 32¼ |
| McDonnell | 50¼ | 50 |
| Mead | 35½ | 34⅝ |
| Merck | 92⅞ | 97 |
| Minnesota Mng | 73⅝ | 75¼ |
| Mobil Oil | 31½ | 31½ |
| Monsanto | 92⅝ | 91⅝ |
| Morgan J. P. | 69⅝ | 69½ |
| Motorola | 118½ | 116¼ |
| NCR Corp | 101¼ | 106¼ |
| NL Industries | 15½ | 16 |
| Nabisco | 40⅝ | 41⅛ |
| Nat Distillers | 27⅝ | 28 |
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| Norfolk South | 58⅝ | 58¾ |
| NW Bancorp | 29⅝ | 29¼ |
| Occidental Pet | 29⅝ | 30 |
| Ogden | 35⅝ | 35⅝ |
| Olin Corp | 27¼ | 28½ |
| Owens-Illinois | 36⅝ | 36⅝ |
| Pacific Gas Elec | 13⅝ | 13⅝ |
| Pan Am | 6 | 6¼ |
| Penney J. C. | 56⅛ | 58¼ |
| Pennzoil | 37⅝ | 38¼ |
| Pepsico | 39¾ | 40 |
| Pfizer | 33 | 33¼ |
| Phelps Dodge | 25½ | 25¾ |
| Philip Morris | 62⅝ | 63 |
| Phillips Petrol | 41⅝ | 41⅛ |
| Polaroid | 27⅝ | 28 |

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| PPG Ind | 28½ | 28½ |
| Proctor Gamble | 48 | 48⅝ |
| Pub Ser El & Gas | 21⅝ | 22 |
| Raytheon | 39 | 39⅞ |
| RCA Corp | 33⅝ | 34 |
| Republic Steel | 30⅛ | 30¼ |
| Reynolds Ind | 57½ | 57⅝ |
| Reynolds Metal | 33⅝ | 33⅝ |
| Rockwell Int | 25¼ | 25 |
| Royal Dutch | 51½ | 52 |
| Safeways | 23⅝ | 23⅝ |
| St Regis Paper | 39⅝ | 40⅝ |
| SFE Sopac | 22⅝ | 23⅝ |
| SCM | 38¼ | 38⅝ |
| Schlumberger | 52¼ | 53⅝ |
| Scott Paper | 30⅝ | 30⅝ |
| Seagram | 33⅝ | 33⅝ |
| Sears Roebuck | 32¾ | 32⅝ |
| Shell Oil | 57½ | 57½ |
| Shell Trans | 36¼ | 36⅝ |
| Signal Co | 28 | 28¼ |
| Singer | 26 | 25⅝ |
| Smithkline Beck | 53¼ | 54¼ |
| Sony | 19⅛ | 19½ |
| Sth Cal Edison | 37 | 37⅝ |
| Sperry Corp | 39¼ | 39⅝ |
| Std Oil Califnia | 37⅝ | 38⅝ |
| Std Oil Indiana | 54¼ | 55⅝ |
| Std Oil Ohio | 48¾ | 49⅝ |
| Sterling Drug | 25½ | 25⅝ |
| Stevens J. P. | 18⅝ | 19 |
| Sun Comp | 56⅝ | 56½ |
| Teledyne | 155 | 157⅝ |
| Tenneco | 42⅝ | 41¼ |
| Texaco | 39¼ | 40¼ |
| Texas East Corp | 68½ | 68¼ |
| Texas Inst | 138¼ | 138⅝ |
| Texas Utilities | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| Textron | 28⅝ | 28⅞ |
| TWA | 28¼ | 28¼ |
| Travelers Corp | 34¼ | 34½ |
| TRW Inc | 64⅝ | 64⅝ |
| UAL Inc | 33⅝ | 32⅝ |
| Union Carbide | 57⅛ | 57½ |
| Union Oil Calif | 37 | 37½ |
| Un Pacific Corp | 47⅛ | 46⅝ |
| Uniroyal | 13 | 13 |
| United Brands | 18¼ | 18¼ |
| US Industries | 23⅝ | 23⅝ |
| US Steel | 28¼ | 28⅝ |
| Utd Technol | 64½ | 64⅝ |
| Wachovia | 46¼ | 46⅝ |
| Warner Commn | 20 | 22 |
| Warner Lambert | 34⅛ | 34½ |
| Wells Fargo | 37 | 37⅝ |
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| Weyerhauser | 28¼ | 28⅝ |
| Whirlpool | 38¼ | 38⅝ |
| Woolworth | 30⅝ | 30 |
| Xerox Corp | 39⅝ | 40⅛ |
| Zenith | 30⅝ | 30⅛ |
| **Canadian Prices** | | |
| Abitibi | 25⅝ | 26 |
| Alcan Alumin | 38⅞ | 38¾ |
| Algoma Steel | 25⅝ | 25¼ |
| Bell Telephone | 29¼ | 29¼ |
| Cominco | 54⅝ | 54½ |
| Cons Bathurst | 27⅝ | 27⅝ |
| Gulf Oil | 17¼ | 17¼ |
| Hawker/Sid Can | 16¼ | 16¼ |
| Imasco | 35⅝ | 35⅝ |
| Imperial Oil | 38⅝ | 38⅝ |
| Int Pipe | 37⅝ | 37⅝ |
| Mass.-Fergsn | 4⅝ | 4⅝ |
| Royal Trustco | 25¼ | 25¼ |
| Seagram | 43⅝ | 43 |
| Steel Co | 25⅝ | 25⅝ |
| Thomson N 'A' | 38 | 38 |
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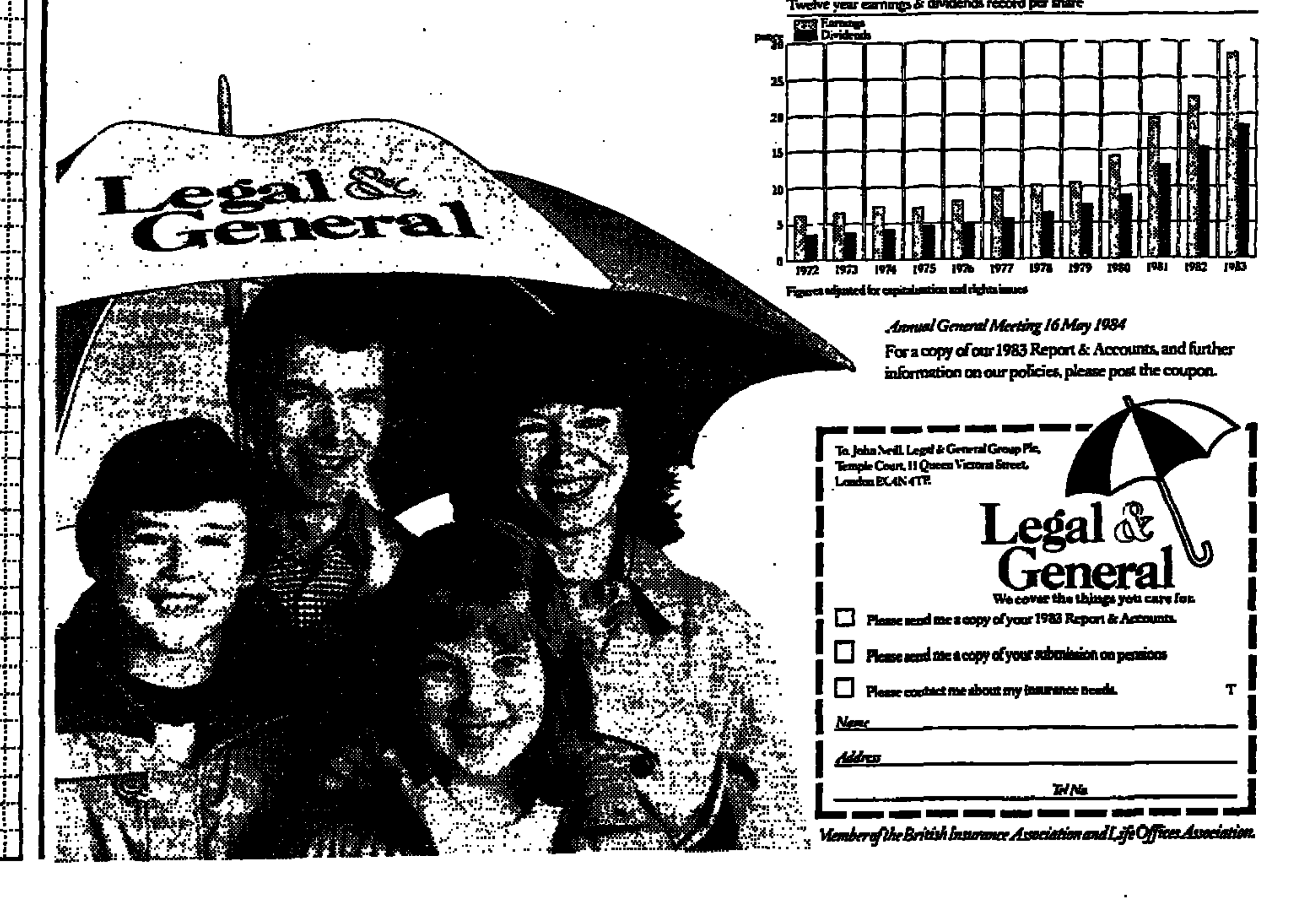
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| Consolidated Crds | 8¾% |
| Continental Trust | 8½% |
| C. Hoare & Co | *8½% |
| Lloyds Bank | 8½% |
| Midland Bank | 8½% |
| Nat Westminster | 8½% |
| TSB | 8½% |
| Williams & Glyn's | 8½% |

† Mortgage Base Rate

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6¼%. £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¾%. £50,000 and over 7¼%.








FOOTBALL: CHALLENGE FACING BRITISH CLUBS IN EUROPEAN COMPETITION

# Semi-fit Falcao holds the key

From Clive White, Rome

The Brazilian influence in Italian football will, I feel, be decisive when AS Roma chase three goals without reply against Dundee United in the second leg of their European Cup semi-final here this afternoon. Falcao, missing from the first leg, will play, but probably not at his own special peak. His failure could be Dundee United's success.

He is carrying an injury, and missed Roma's 1-1 draw with Avelino on Sunday. "I've got to play," he said. "My knee is improving, although it isn't perfect." Roma have come to depend heavily upon the Brazilian blend. They fear that without Falcao – he is rumoured to be joining Internazionale at the end of the season – the team will return to the obscurity of former years.

There are rumblings of discontent, generally, at the club, and the coach, Nils Liedholm, the 62-year-old Swede who advocates free play in his teams, is believed to want even greater rewards for adding in his own small way to the history of Rome.

The future of Liedholm and Falcao may depend upon what sort of miracle 80,000 fanatical Romans can generate in the Olympic Stadium today. Three goals is a tall order for any Italian club, but Liedholm says with pride: "We've done this three times this season in the Italian season, so it is not impossible."

The Italians are said to have been "injured" by their ineptness at Dundee. Further incentives for them are the fact that the final will be held in Rome, and £1m worth of bonuses for winning.

The Scots, although newcomers to the European Cup, are well versed in the extraordinary demands of European competition upon the nerves. This will be their twentysecond tie in the last three years, but it is unlikely that they will ever have suffered such pressure, both mental and physical, as they will during the opening 20 minutes.

Jim McLean, the Dundee United manager, is only too aware of his side's capabilities. He knows that to defend, as Liverpool might, is to invite severe punishment. Realistically, he is looking for one goal. He refers to some of his players as "runners", without meaning to be derogatory. It is their greatest quality, this ability to run and hustle. He said: "If the players can look themselves in the mirror tomorrow night and feel satisfied that they have given everything, I believe we'll be in the final."

Getting down to it: Dundee United's players training at the Olympic stadium in Rome yesterday

# Bitter struggle looms up for Liverpool

From David Miller, Bucharest

It is one of the frustrating anomalies of international football that FIFA and UEFA, while they may deplore the unruly behaviour of spectators – all too frequently English – have also shown themselves consistently reluctant to grapple with hooligan players and/or inadequate referees, such as marred the last World Cup. We wait to see whether Dinamo Bucharest will be permitted to break the laws as often in this evening's European Cup semi-final second leg as they did in the first, the worst match I have seen in a long time.

It is an almost universal principle of life in general in the era of 1984 that whenever anyone breaks the law, they immediately accuse the other side of an equivalent offence, no less true of footballers than politicians or unions. The mood here is confused, not to say bitter, because although Dinamo behaved disgracefully for much of that first leg, wilfully kicking Liverpool under the too-benevolent eye of a Swiss referee, it is the Romanians who now have a player absent through injury in that match, allowing them to cry wolf the louder. Their midfield player, Lica Movila, had his jaw broken in two places halfway through the second half.

*Thus there were some dark,* unfriendly Balkan faces peering at Joe Fagan's team when they arrived at the airport yesterday, and more besides at the hotel, though officials and hosts have been courteous enough. The air hangs heavy with expected retribution.

The dilemma tactically now belongs almost exclusively to Dinamo, a goal down. Vindictive-minded though their crowd will be – as they always have been ever since I first came here with Joe Mercer's under-23 side more than 20 years ago – it is not in Dinamo's best interest to indulge in another physical game, which would not only reduce their own ability to produce effectively their considerable skill, but with further bookings after the four in the first leg could find them with several players suspended should they reach the final in Rome.

Bobby Robson has come to see Bucharest's crowd, pitch, hotels and Dinamo's six or so internationals, prior to next season's World Cup qualifier. I believe Dinamo are good enough to overhaul Liverpool, even to become the first Eastern bloc side ever to win the major trophy; but only if they concentrate on football. They are hanicapped by the suspension of the central defender Andone, whereas Liverpool are at full strength, less the ineligible Wark. *It will be a close-run thing,* barring a piece or two of Rush's exceptional finishing.

# A shroud over Robson's and United's hopes

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Turin

Manchester United flew to the city that houses the Holy Shroud seeking two miracles. The first, that Bryan Robson is passed fit enough to play, is even more unlikely to occur than the second, that they qualify for the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup in Basle on May 16.

Ron Atkinson delayed naming his side in the remote hope that United's captain might recover in time from the pulled hamstring that has kept him out of the last four games. He might as well expect Juventus, the notoriously defensive leaders of the Italian league, to line up with two wingers.

So United, cruelly depleted during the first leg, will still be significantly weakened. At least Wilkins will come back in for Gidman, carried off within the opening 10 minutes a fortnight ago, but the rest of that heroic crew, who gained a 1-1 draw, will probably be retained tonight.

Whiteside was dropped last Saturday but, in the absence of Robson, his physique and experience may prove indispensible. Hughes, who replaced him and scored twice against Coventry City, and Davies, Gidman's substitute who claimed the goal against Juventus at Old Trafford, will be a couple of sharpened swords to be kept in Atkinson's sheath of possibilities.

Atkinson has named a squad of 19, which includes the untried Clayton Blackmore and Mark Dempsey and the veterans, Gordon McQueen and Lou Macari.

As he must, United's manager views the prospect through optimistic eyes. "The odds were against us in the first round when we drew at home to Dukla Prague," Atkinson said. "They were against us when we lost in Barcelona, and they are against us now. Yet, we are capable of winning our way through."

Indeed they are, especially if Juventus hide behind a protective shield. Two weeks ago, it looked as though some of the famed talent of Gentile, Tardelli, Cabrini and Rossi had worn away, and their rearguard was alarmed by almost every high ball that was launched in their direction.

Stapleton, who struck the bar from a favourable position near the end of the first leg, could therefore emerge as a crucial figure. He remembers, four years ago at the same stage of the same competition, playing in the Arsenal side that became only the fourth European visitors to triumph in Turin.

*Real Madrid, in 1962, Benfica in* 1968, Twente Enschede, in 1975, and Arsenal all won here by the only goal. That, raather than a high-scoring draw, must be the aim of United.

# Ferguson orders an all-out attack

By Hugh Taylor

A night of relentless attack: that is the unswerving battle plan drawn up by Alex Ferguson, for Aberdeen's European Cup Winner's Cup semi-final, second leg tie against Porto at *Pittodrie tonight.* Once again the manager will demand that his stronger, fluent team repeat the breathtaking style with which they overcome *Beveren and Ujpest* Dozsa in the last two rounds.

"Bold, that's what we are." Ferguson said yesterday, expressing a confidence that runs serenely through the heart of every supporter in the city, all of whom know that Aberdeen will comfortably overcome Porto, who lead by one goal to nil from the first leg in Portugal.

Ferguson laughs. "Some people keep warning me that we must be careful not to lose a goal. That's not our priority at all. It never has been. To me, the priority is to score as many goals as possible. We have been over the curse before and come through with flying colours. Hopefully that is how it will come out this time."

Is Ferguson being over-confident? Is he forgetting that Proto, an elegant attractive side, have excellent attackers? Not a bit of it. The manager is convinced that his side, have, in the jargon of today, "peaked" at exactly the right time; that they are in dazzling form, and that they have enough power and rythem to challenge any club side in the world.

Ferguson's attacking horizon was widened yesterday with the news that Weir, the international winger *who has played just 10 minutes first* team football in tow months, may appear for at least part of the game. His injury is clearing up and Aberdeen, realizing that Proto are unaware of Weir's match-winning potential, believe he can cause damage with his touchline deftness and accurate crosses.

Althoug Porto can play excellent one-touch football, they are inclined to panic, as *they showed against* Rangers at Ibrox earlier in the season, and their defence cannot be relishing the thought of Aberdeen's powerful and varied attacks.

Aberdeen will be all the more determined to win tonight so they can secure a niche in the annals of Scottish football as first side from north of the border to play in successive European finals. Not even Rangers or *Celtic, in their* glory years, achieved that feat.

# Birtles may return for Forest

Brian Clough, the manager of Nottingham Forest, who play Anderlecht in tonight's UEFA Cup semi-final second leg in Brussels said after a training session yesterday morning: "This will be a match for the men, and not the boys." This could be a hint that Birtles, the forward, will return after *a five-match absence with a spinal* strain, and the experienced full back, Swain, may replace Gunn, who played his first game of the year on Saturday.

There must also be speculation as to whether Clough will include Wallace, *who scored his first goal* for six months on Saturday, or Mills, a midfield inspiration in the first leg at Nottingham.

*Hodge, who scored the* only two goals in the first leg, looks certain to return after missing Saturday's 5-1 win over Birmingham City, while the centre back, Hart, who needed stitches in his right shin after that match, says he will be fit, and is *determined to play.*

In Nottingham, Anderlecht, the cup holders, looked on the way to a useful goalless draw, but two goals *in the last five minutes spoiled their* plans. Although well accustomed to getting out of tight situations, Anderlecht will need to show all their recent impressive league goalscoring form.

Although realising a single Forest goal would virtually end Anderlecht's chances, their coach, Paul Van Himst, says he plans to throw as much as possible into attack.

# Hazard and Roberts are passed fit

Tottenham Hotspur received good news yesterday when Graham Roberts, the England defender, and Mike Hazard were passed fit to play in the UEFA Cup semi-final, second leg tie against Hadjuk Split, at White Hart Lane today.

Roberts, who twisted a knee in Saturday's 3-2 defeat by Arsenal, and Hazard, whose thigh strain kept him out of the Highbury match, could have vital roles to play as Tottenham attempt to overcome the 2-1 first-leg deficit.

Roberts has missed only four games this season, all through suspension, and is the club's third top scorer with nine goals, while *Hazard was superb in the first-leg* in Yugoslavia two weeks ago, and will need to make up for the absence of Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles in this leg.

Roberts said: "On Sunday I had no chance of playing, but I'm 100 per cent better now. I will not cheat. It's no good having ten men and carrying one."

Keith Burkinshaw, Tottenham's *manager, will not announce his* squad until after training this morning, but he hinted that the pair would play. "If I thought it was going to affect Graham later then I would not play him, but in football, *like a lot of other sports,* you play with pain sometimes.

"Mickey Hazard is our man of the moment. He's a beautifully balanced lad who gives us control, calm and confidence in the middle of the park."

*Mark Falco, scorer of 21 goals* this season, one of which came in the first leg, resumed his 45-goal partnership with Steve Archibald after missing the Arsenal game through suspension. Ally Dick, the Scottish winger, absent from the last nine games with a thigh strain, could get a place on the substitutes' bench.

Tottenham, who have scored 27 goals in nine European beat Bayern Munich in an earlier round, despite trailing after the first leg. "We maust be patient and aggressive.

"The European nights are always special at White Hart Lane, for which I'm grateful. The players always seem to respond to it."

Split, who in 1967 lost a European Cup Winners' Cup second *round game 4-3 (6-3 on aggregate)* at White Hart Lane, will pin their hopes on scoring an all-important away goal and another excellent performance from Simonvic, their goalkeeper.

# Armstrong recalled to help England balance

At the age of 29, David Armstrong, the Southampton midfield player, has been given a second chance by England. He returns to Bobby Robson's squad for the 97th and final British championship game against Wales at Wrexham on Wednesday.

It is his first call to the international scene since being substituted against West Germany at Wembley in 1982. With Rix ruled out by injury, Armstrong returns with Robson saying: "He gets another chance because he is a natural left-footed and left-sided player who will give us balance."

With Butcher injured, Robson is hoping that Wright, the Southampton centre half. "He's been injured when I've called him up twice this season, but I saw him in the FA Cup semi-final against Everton and he really impressed."

The West Ham United defender, Martin, also returns, though hamstring trouble threatens his place and Fenwick, of Queen's Park Rangers, has been put on standby. Although affected by a similar injury, Bryan Robson is included.

With Barnes already in his squad, Robson answers criticisms about his wingless team by recalling Chamberlain, of Stoke City, after an impressive Under-21 showing last week.

ENGLAND SQUAD (v Wales, Wrexham, May 2): P Shilton (Southampton), C Woods (Norwich City), M Duxbury (Manchester United), K Sansom (Arsenal), V Anderson (Nottinghan Forest), A Kennedy (Liverpool), G Roberts (Tottenham Hotspur), A Martin (West Ham United), M Wright (Southampton), S Lee (Liverpool), R Wilkins (Manchester United), B Robson (Manchester United), J Gregory *(Queen's Park Rangers), D Armstrong* (Southampton), G Mabbutt (Tottenham Hotspur), M Chamberlain (Stoke City), T Francis (Sampdoria), A Woodcock (Arsenal), P Mariner (Arsenal), J Barnes (Watford).

*WALES SQUAD:* N Southall (Everton), A Dibble (Cardiff City), J Hopkins (Fulham), K Ratcliffe (Everton), N Slatter (Bristol Rovers), J Jones (Chelsea), R James (Stock City), A Davies (Manchester United), K Jackett (Watford), N Vaughan (Cardiff City), M Thomas (Chelsea), M Hughes (Manchester United), I Rush (Liverpool), G Davies (Fulham), P Nicholas (Crystal Palace), D Phillips (Plymouth Argyle).

ENGLAND UNDER-21 SQUAD (v Italy, Florence, May 2): A Williams (Manchester City, G Bailey (Manchester United, M Sterland (Sheffield Wednesday), D Watson (Norwich City), T Caton (Arsenal), N Pickering (Sunderland), G Stevens (Tottenham Hotspur), I Dawes (Queen's Park Rangers), P Bracewell (Sunderland), G Hodge (Nottingham Forest), S McMahon (Aston Villa), N Callaghan (Watford), B Stein (Luton Town), P Walsh (Luton Town), M Hateley (Portsmouth), D Wallace (Southampton), K Brock (Oxford United).

# Hawkins makes plea for a quick decision

Graham Hawkins, the Wolverhampton Wanderers manager, appealed to the Molineux board yesterday *to decide his fate* as quickly as possible. Wolverhampton were relegated over the Easter holiday after two defeats amid *growing demands from supporters* for Hawkins to resign.

Hawkins, who guided the side to promotion last season, said: "I don't believe anyone could have done any better under the circumstnces but unfortunately a manager is only judged on first team results. It wouldn't surprise me if I were asked to leave. But if it is going to happen I would want to know before the end of the season."

Micky Adams, Coventry City's defender, will miss the remaining four matches of the season with an ankle *ligament injury sustained* at Manchester United on Saturday.

# World Cup stadiums await the FIFA test

Mexico City (AP) – A FIFA committee arrived here on Monday to inspect the stadiums to be used for the 1986 World Cup.

*The committee of four* is led by Herman Neuberger, of West Germany and Joseph Blatter, of Switzerland and they will decide whether or not the stadiums meet FIFA standards.

Only nine of the 12 stadiums which will be needed have been confirmed and FIFA authorized an extension until tomorrow *from the March 15 deadline.* Mexico City's Aztec Stadium, the country's largest with seating capacity of 110,000, has not been confirmed because box owners there refuse to concede their seats to FIFA for the World Cup.

The international organization requires stadiums to have minimum capacity for 40,000 spectators and to be free of all private commitments and publicity.

Mexico took over the host role for the 1986 world cup after Colombia backed out

# Brazilian building a reputation

**Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (AP) – A young Brazilian midfield player being hailed as the 'new Zico' has been described by Zico himself as "an extraordinary talent". Bebeto (real name Jose Roberto Gama de Oliveira) has been promoted from junior football to the Flamengo senior side, the national champions who are now working to improve his physical attributes as they did with Zico.**

**Aged 20, Bebeto is lightweight *and is undergoing a body building* and nutrition programme which was developed by Flamengo especially for Zico. He was discovered by Flamengo playing for Victoria in North Eastern Brazil when he was 16 and bought for a reported $100,000.**

**Zico added: "Aside from his enormous talent in ball control an long and short passes, Bebeto thinks very quickly."**

IN BRIEF

# Lendl out of WCT event

Dallas (AFP) – Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, the second seed, has withdrawn from the World Championship Tennis finals here because of a thigh injury. He will be replaced by Tim Mayotte, of the United States.

Lendl, winner of this tournament in 1982, had a first round bye, along with John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors *and Jimmy Arias. Connors* becomes second seed, Arias third, and Johan Kriek, of South Africa, fourth.

● Sylvia Hanika (West Germany) and Virginia Ruzici (Romania) won their first-round matches in the *tournament of Champions at Lake* Buena Vista, Florida. Miss Hanika, beat Yvonne Vermaak (South Africa) 6-2, 6-1 and Miss Ruzici beat a 15-year-old amateur, Elena Reinach (South Africa) 6-2, 6-2, who was playing in her first overseas tournament and on clay for the first time.

GOLF: Nick Faldo's victory in the Heritage Classic nearly doubled his American earnings and moved him into eleventh place on the tour's money list. It was worth $72,000 for a total of $144,705. Last week he was 28th with $72,705. *Fred* Couples heads the list with $254,728.

● The City of Glasgow Open tournament will be played between June 28 and July 1 at Haggs Castle.

CRICKET: Kapil Dev, who joined *Worcestershire from Northampton*shire this season, may not be fit for Saturday's opening championship match against Sussex. He is to seek specialist advice in Birmingham about his knee trouble.

RUGBY LEAGUE

# Stephens could miss Wembley

By Keith Macklin

Two players are dreading the meeting of the disciplinary committee tomorrow. By far the worse ordeal is faced by Gary Stephens, the Wigan scrum half, for whom the minimum suspension of one game will mean missing the match of a lifetime, the Challenge Cup final between Wigan and Widnes at Wembley on May 5.

Stephens was dismissed during the game with Castleford, and so anxious is he to prove his innocence that he is bringing along as a witness the player he is alleged to have punched, Castleford's Australian forward, Brett Atkins.

Len Casey, the Hull Kingston Rovers forward and captain, appears after two sendings-off,

YACHTING

# Britons make their mark

From John Nicholls, Hyères

Fresher breezes in Hyères Bay proved much *to the liking of the* British sailors on the second day of the regatta for Olympic classes yesterdat. Three second places, by Chris Law (Soling), Roddy Bridge (Finn) and Robert White (Tornado), headed a fine set of results by the team in most of the seven classes.

They were well supported by Mike McIntyre (Finn), Cathy Foster (470) and David Perks (Windglider). Three Stars circulated the course in another meaningless race, and on the face of it, only the Flying Dutchmen *did not live up to* expectations. The race was won by the Diesch brothers, of West Germany, old campaigners in the class, with Patrick Blake eighth, and Jo Richards retiring

Blake is still tuning a new boat, and Richards was not too disappointed at completing his research in perfect sailing conditions. They can afford to treat this event merely *as serious practice of their Olympic* selection trials in Weymouth. For the Stars, Solings and Finns, every race here counts in a much longer series of trials covering three events.

RESULTS: Soling: First race: 1, W Kuhwiede (WG); 2, C Law (GB). Other British placings: 14, C Simonds; 24, G Bailey. Second race: P Haegli (Fr). British placings: 8, Law; 16, Bailey; 18, Simonds. Tornado: 1, W van Bladel (Neth); 2, R White (GB). Other British placings: 13, D King; 24, J Downey. Flying Dutchman: 1, J Diesch (WG). British placings: 8, P Blake; 24, C Apthorp. 470: 1, T Chieffi (It). British placings: 4, Miss C Foster; 12, M Holmes; 13, L Smith. Finn: 1, G Khoferskiu (USSR); 2, R Bridge (GB); 3, M McIntyre (GB). Other British placing: 27, J Greenwood. Windglider: 1, S van den Berg (Neth). British placings: 5, D Perks; 10, D Haddford; 15, N Tillett.

SNOOKER

# Higgins ousted by newcomer in world championship upset

Alex Higgins was beaten in the first round of the Embassy world professional snooker championship at Sheffield yesterday by Neal Foulds, who was making his debut in the event.

Foulds, a 20-year-old Londoner, who turned professional only last July, led 5-4 overnight but Higgins won yesterday first three frames to lead 7-5. However, Foulds, the 1982 British junior champion, refused to be overawed by either the United Kingdom champion or the occasion. He fought back, first to seven frames all and then 8-8 after Higgins had collected a fifteenth frame break of 60.

Higgins led again at 9-8 with a 57 break in frame 17 but back came Foulds again, taking the eighteenth frame 78-34. He then outplayed Higgins in the decider 70-1 to cause a major upset.

Higgins said: "Neal played exceptionally well. I felt I could produce the goods, but it's all about getting over the first hurdle in the world championship. If I had done that, I would have fancied my chances of winning it. I have not had an ideal preparation. I was on the road for 14 days, and I've only had three days' practice.

"Now I'm off to Spain or Paris or Los Angeles – anywhere. I'm just going to drift away." Foulds, junior partner of the only father and son combination in snooker with his father, Geoff, said: "There was a point when Alex won the seventeenth frame when I would have settled for losing 10-8 even that would not have been a bad performance. It wasn't the Higgins we know. I've never seen him play so badly.

"I never felt I was really going to win, but I felt no pressure – it was all on him." His father Geoff said: "I can't believe it – it is something you dream of and I would rather it had happened to him than to me."

The defeat of the 1982 world champion ranks alongside the big upset of that year's event when the defending champion Steve Davis was beaten 10-1 in the first round by the then underdog Tony Knowles, of Bolton.

Jimmy White breezed into a 7-2 lead in his first round match against Rex Williams. White, the No 11 seed, lost the first frame, but hit back with a string of fine breaks, the best a quickfire 83, that gave him the fourth frame in only nine minutes.

FIRST ROUND: N Foulds bt A Higgins 10-9; S Charlton (Aus) bt R Andrewartha 10-4; D Mountjoy leads M Hallett 5-3; J White leads R Williams 7-2.

ORDER OF PLAY Today: First round (best of 19 frames): [illegible]

**The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association will block any attempt to get a Great Britain snooker team to play in South Africa. It is understood that a four-man team, has been approached to go before the end of the year.**

**Del Simmonds, the Association's contracts negotiator, said "We must try to stop this. We do not want to become politically involved."**

TENNIS

# Booth pays price for surprise win

By Lewine Mair

Colin Beecher, the fifth seed, gave rather more than merely the match to Simon Booth of Warwickshire when he retired with an upset stomach at the start of his second set in the first round of the 16-and-under hardcourt championships, sponsored by Prudential, at the Edgbaston Archery Club.

By yesterday, Booth had all of Beecher's symptoms, and, good though he fought, this useful youngster went out to Alex Rouse, of Essex, in three sets.

Graham Spalding, who had accounted for Mark Nuttall, the sixth seed, in the first round, had another impressive result, winning 6-1, 6-3 against the gifted Ulrich Nganga.

David Smith, of Cornwall, had a day to remember as he defeated Neil Pashley, the eighth seed, 6-4, 7-5 while, among the girls, a match to catch the eye was that in which Clare Wood, the second seed, defeated Karen Hunter 6-2, 3-6, 6-0.

Miss Hunter, a tall girl with a long, blonde pigtail, hit some spanking forehands en route to taking the second set

BOYS: Second round: L Matthews bt M Bersemman 6-2, 6-4. A Hunting bt J Ranson 6-1, 6-1. Third round: A Brice bt J Lenton 6-0, 6-1. D Smith bt N Pashley 6-4, 7-5. D Rigby bt M Tomlinson 6-2, 6-4. D Sapford bt P Bell 6-1, 6-1

GIRLS: Second round: J Wood bt A Nall 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. J Reeves bt N Entract 6-3, 6-3. T Catlin bt A Fleming 6-0, 0-6, 6-2. Third round: A Simpkins bt L Stern 6-0, 6-3. K Hand bt F Couldridge 7-6, 7-5. R Charlton bt S Makepeace 6-3, 6-2. C

OLYMPIC GAMES

# Soviet Union 'do not want a boycott'

Moscow (Reuter) – The Soviet president, Konstantin Chernenko, yesterday told the Italian foreign minister, Giulio Andreotti, that Moscow did not want to boycott the Olympic Games in Los Angeles and was ready to discuss the situation.

Mr Andreotti told journalists that he had raised the issue of Soviet participation on behalf of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and had received positive assurances about the Kremlin's intentions from the leader. He quoted Mr Chernenko as saying Moscow "does not want to carry out a boycott".

Mr Chernenko said he was optimistic that Soviet complaints would be settled at yesterday's meeting between their Olympic committee (NOC) head, Marat Gramov and the IOC president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, in Lausanne. He pledged that even if this was not the case, Moscow would be ready to have further talks with Mr Samaranch, on all outstanding problems.

Moscow has accused the United States of violating various sections of the Olympic charter and said that Soviet block athletes would not be safe in Los Angeles.

After meeting Mr Samaranch yesterday, Mr Gramov said he had found mutual understanding on Moscow's complaints about American preparations for the games, but he declined to say whether Moscow would send a team to Los Angeles.

"It is too early for a decision. These talks will go on until tonight, so let's not run ahead of events," he said after a 90-minute meeting with Mr Samaranch.

Mr Gramov was followed onto IOC headquarters by the Los Angeles Games president, Peter Ueberroth, for separate talks with Mr Samaranch. The IOC chief was to chair a meeting between the two sides later.

Asked whether he would try to convince the Soviet Union to take part in the Games, Mr Ueberroth said: "We will not even rush the issue at all."

GOLF

# Conduct unbecoming from Briton

Austin, Texas (AP) – Paul Thomas, a second-team all-American last year, has been dismissed from the University of Texas squad, after an incident last month in Guadalajra, Mexico, where he allegedly damaged some furniture in a hotel room.

Thomas, who comes from Manchester, is the son of Dave Thomas, twice runner-up in the Open.

Thomas, in his final year at the university, admitted causing damage in the hotel room during a tournament. The university coach, Jim Clayton, said: "I don't want to say what he did, but it was unbecoming of a student-athlete."

CRICKET

# Pick and Such are a bit too much

By Alan Gibson

*THE PARKS: Nottinghamshire beat Oxford University by 258 runs.*

It was foolish of me to tempt the Witch of Didcot so early in the season. She struck back swiftly. On Monday evening, the 9.0pm or Didcot broke down irretrievably at Oxford. By the time it had been lugged away, manually, by the pace of it, and a substitute found, even *the patience of my companion,* the philosopher Green (BM, not TH) was wearing out. When I arrived at Bath, my wife announced that she was charging a pound a minute for waiting time throughout the season, and there was £87 on the clock already. I am wondering whether the editor will permit an expenses claim or the Revenue a tax allowance.

Yesterday, however, was another lovely day in the Parks. Oxford, though comfortably beaten, did not disgrace themselves. Their second innings resembled their first: a wobbley start, some sound work in the middle, an a wobbly finish. The bowlers who did the damage were the same: Pick and Such – "Oh, it's those blighters Pitch an Toss again," I heard one young man say.

The bowlers were greatly assisted by French, the wicketkeeper, who made nine dismissals, three of them stumpings. He began the day by catching Miller, low and wide on the leg side, and we shall not see many better catches all season. Hayes and Thorne did not score many, but Edbrooke, Toogood and Carr all made spirited contributions.

There was little resistance after Carr was out, apart from a few blows from Lawrence, but enough had been done to save honour.

*An old friend,* the vice-provost of Eton, captain of Oxford in my time, D. H. Macindoe, gave me stern instructions to praise the on-driving of Toogood, which I gladly and heartily do.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First innings 355 for 6 dec (B C Broad 88, R T Robinson 79, J D Birch 52) and 220 for 0 dec (B C Broad 108 not out, R T Robinson 100 not out)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First innings 154 (J D Carr 64; R A Pick 5 for 33, P M Such 5 for 34)

SECOND INNINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| A J T Miller c French b Pick | 17 |
| R M Edbrooke l-b-w b Such | 37 |
| *K A Hayes b Pick | 0 |
| G J Toogood c French b Bore | 37 |
| D A Thorne st French b Afford | 5 |
| J D Carr b Pick | 35 |
| †M R Cullinan c French b Pick | 2 |
| J G Franks not out | 7 |
| H T Rawlinson l-b-w b Pick | 0 |
| J R Turnbull st French b Such | 3 |
| M P Lawrence c Birch b Such | 14 |
| Extras (b 4, l-b 2) | 6 |
| Total | 163 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–36, 2–36, 3–68, 4–79, 5–117, 6–137, 7–140, 8–140, 9–147, 10–163.

BOWLING: Pick 14-6-25-5; Saxelby 12-6-27-0; Such 19.2-8-50-3; Afford 9-1-43-1; Bore 13-10-12-1.

Umpires: A Jepson and J A Jameson.

# Gorging on the spoils at Fenner's

By Richard Streeton

*FENNER'S: Cambridge University drew with Essex*

Cambridge University, left the academic target of 501 in four hours, had little difficulty saving the match on an easy-paced pitch. Breddy, who batted doggedly for 170 minutes, was the main stumbling block for the Essex attack as the game meandered to its quiet finish.

Essex earlier continued to gorge *themselves with runs* before Fletcher declared at lunch. Cambridge took their punishment stolidly and Cotterell, slow left arm, kept a measure of control. Pringle and Hardie were out to him in successive overs. Both had clearly had enough after scoring 156 in 82 minutes.

Pringle's 96 came from 76 balls and he struck the ball with *impressive force and timing.* He was bowled trying an extravagant sweep at the wrong moment for a player seeking to re-establish himself, however admirable the cavalier approach. Selectors tend to remember centuries; scores of 96 can be forgotten.

Pringle later extracted bounce from the unresponsive turf, but had little luck. Lever found a faster ball *to beat Lea, Monday's hero,* and Andrew followed an outswinger from Turner. Acfield took two wickets; Fletcher turned the ball more than anyone; *but Cotterell* stayed safely with Breddy through the final 90 minutes.

ESSEX: First innings 463 for 4 dec (C Gladwin 162, G A Gooch 89, K S McEwan 59, K W R Fletcher 58)

Second Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| D R Pringle b Cotterell | 96 |
| B R Hardie b Cotterell | 68 |
| S Turner c Pollock b Golding | 50 |
| †D E East not out | 29 |
| N A Foster not out | 10 |
| Extras (b 1, n-b 5) | 6 |
| Total (3 wkts dec) | 259 |

G A Gooch, C Gladwin, *K W R Fletcher, K S McEwan, J K Lever and D L Acfield did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–156, 2–167, 3–240.

BOWLING: Pollock 8-0-47-0; Garlick 10-1-65-0; Cotterell 14-0-63-2; Richardson 8-0-30-0; Golding 8-0-48-1.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY First Innings *222 (A E Lea 119, J K Lever 4 for 44)*

Second Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| A E Lea l-b-w b Lever | 11 |
| C R Andrew c East b Turner | 9 |
| M Breddy not out | 46 |
| G F H Mc Donnell l-b-w b Acfield | 5 |
| N P Thomas l-b-w b Acfield | 0 |
| T A Cotterell not out | 41 |
| Extras (b 3, l-b 2, n-b 1) | 5 |
| Total (4 wkts) | 118 |

P C Richardson, *A J Pollock, A K Golding, G P Hewitt, P Garlick did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1–19, 2–33, 3–48, 4–63.

BOWLING: Lever 14-4-27-1; Foster 6-1-6-0; *Pringle 9-3-10-0; Turner 11-3-19-1;* Acfield 15-9-16-2; Fletcher 4-2-8-0; Gladwin 4-0-19-0; Gooch 1-0-5-0.

Umpires: N T Plews and B Dudleston

COUNTY PROSPECTS

# Sussex have new-ball bowling problems

By Richard Streeton

The endless saga of Imran Khan's fractured shin, and lesser question marks against le Roux and Pigott, mean that Sussex start the season *with similar new ball problems* as those that bedevilled them last year. Imran's leg is now in a fibre cast and he will not play until mid-August at the earliest; he might even miss the whole season.

Le Roux starts the summer fit but in South Africa during the winter he was plagued with groin problems again and the past year's setbacks might affect his confidence. Sussex clearly need five months of sustained effort from Pigott. But in addition to the strain of his on-off transfer to Somerset, he has had treatment for muscle tension in the legs and will miss Sussex's first match on Saturday.

With a falling membership and *financial* anxieties, Sussex are overdue a change of fortune. On a more cheerful note, the all-rounder, Ian Greig, has proved his fitness again in Sydney grade cricket; and Barclay has had the necessary operation on the broken finger which hampered his game in *1983.*

The Sussex batting should prove brisk and assertive. Mendis has few equals among county openers against fast bowlers; Parker has worked hard in the *winter indoor* school and is hoping to return to form. Colin Wells, whose bowling will also be needed, Gould, Green and *the promising David Standing* complete an attractive list of strokemakers.

Cowan and Heath have left but Neil Lenham, a gifted schoolboy batsman, joins the staff in July. Reeve, whose mid-season arrival proved so *fortuitous,* with 42 wickets, added to his reputation with a double century at No 8 during his winter with a Perth club.

1983 RECORD: County championship: 11th. NatWest Bank trophy: lost in quarter-final. Benson & Hedges Cup: Failed to qualify for quarter-final. John Player League: 4th.

PLAYING STAFF: J. R. T. Barclay (captain), I. J. Gould, A. M. Green, I. A. Greig, Imran Khan, A. N. Jones, N. J. Lenham, G. S. le Roux, G. D. *Mendis, P. W. G. Parker, C. P. Phillipson,* A. C. S. Pigott, D. A. Reeve, D. J. Smith, D. K. Standing, C. E. Waller, A. P. Wells, C. M. Wells, A. Willows and D. J. Wood.

●*Tomorrow Warwickshire*

# Rain frustrates Australians again

Montego Bay (Reuter) – The second one-day match between Jamaica and the Australians was abandoned yesterday because of the effects of the rain which curtailed play in the first match the day before.

The Australians made 171 for one on Monday in an innings shortened to 33 overs because of the weather. The two matches were arranged when rain ruled out play on the first day of the scheduled three-day game last Saturday.

**Monday**

AUSTRALIANS

| | |
|---|---|
| W B Phillips c sub b Wilson | 64 |
| S B Smith not out | 84 |
| G M Richie not out | 16 |
| *Extras (4l-b 3n-b)* | 7 |
| Total (1 wkt) | 171 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–121.

*BOWLING:* Walsh 4-0-19-0; Patterson 5-0-28-0; Davidson 3-0-20-0; Nelta 6-1-36-0; Tucker 8-0-39-0; Wilson 7-0-27-1.

# Willis begins his run-up

**Bob Willis, the England captain, resumed *light* training yesterday for the first time since contracting the viral infection which forced his early return from the tour of Pakistan. After a short run at Edgbaston, Willis said: "That was my first exercise for seven weeks. Obviously I am still a bit weak, but at least I'm now on the road back".**

**David Brown, the Warwickshire manager, added: "The virus knocked him *for six;* but knowing Bob he will be back as soon as is humanly possible. The earliest we are looking at in the championship game against Surrey a week on Saturday".**

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West Indian fast bowlers on the horizon as the cricket season gets underway

# Perilous express delivery on its way

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

Most of what has happened since the cricket season opened at Fenner's a week ago has been sufficiently embarrassing to Oxford and Cambridge for one to wonder, anxiously, how much longer they can retain their first-class status. Today, at Lord's, things begin more in earnest when MCC meet Essex, the county champions, in what has become, over the years, a useful guide to form.

Any decision to deprive the ancient universities of their standing will not be lightly taken. It would signal the end for two of the game's great nurseries. Though less productive than they were, because of the increasingly disproportionate emphasis on things academic, they are still a valuable source of supply. Even so, they have had a bad few days and their cause has not been enhanced by Cambridge's decision to send for an old Blue to lead them through their opening matches.

After a winter of such little achievement, you would think that in the coming months England's fortunes can but improve. Yet who will be here in barely a fortnight's time but the all-conquering West Indians, captained once again by Clive Lloyd. I am not quite sure why they are coming, with England about to play rugby in South Africa, except that the vast majority of West Indians, both here and in the Caribbean, would be disappointed if they didn't. Another case, it could be said, of political expediency.

In theory the West Indians should be entering a vulnerable phase. Lloyd will be 40 in August; Richards, now aged 32, is not quite the player he was; Holding, at 30, and Garner, at 31, are not as fit as they were, and in the middle of the order there will be batsmen who have yet to make a real mark in Test cricket. If Richardson from Antigua is a star in the making, I doubt whether Logie, the little Trinidadian, is. Yet they have spent the winter sweeping all opposition aside – first India in India, then Australia and Pakistan in Australia, and finally Australia in West Indies.

The reason for this, unfortunately, is their fast bowling, not least the depth of it. I say "unfortunately" because of the monotony of watching speed, unrelieved by spin, for hour after hour and day after day. When the variety of the game is reduced, so also it its charm. The more basic it becomes, the less fun it is to play. This time West Indies are bringing no fewer than six bowlers who hurl the ball down; what is worse, they will be under no obligation to bowl a minimum number of overs in a day, the Test and County Cricket Board having tried but failed to convince the West Indians of the benefits of this.





Full speed ahead: Marshall (left), Holding (centre) and Garner

The effect of it all on batsmen is cumulative, physically as well as mentally. Last winter the South Africans had their first taste of it as a way of playing the game. Although their opponents were not from the front line of West Indian fast bowlers, the outcome was the same. In the end they were pummelled to defeat. Since the middle Seventies, when West Indies first devloped an attack based exclusively on speed, they have lost only one Test series, a short one against New Zealand in 1979-80 when Richards was an absentee. In captaining them Lloyd has had to do no more than keep his heavby guns firing, often pitching as short as the umpire have allowed.

Leading West Indies is a sinecure compared with leading a side against them. It would be a great and timely boost for England if they could win the Test matches this summer. They will be captained, no doubt, by David Gower, not before time; but because the West Indian Board insisted upon it they will have to make do without Gooch, Boycott, Emburey, Underwood and all the others who went to South Africa two years ago. West Indies are hard enough to beat with a full side, let alone a weakened one.

But nobody, it seems to me, is going to have a more taxing season than the appointed panel of Test match umpires – namely, Messrs Bird, Constant, Evans, Meyer and Oslear. Upon their interpretation of what constitutes "intimidatory" bowling may depend the tenor of the series. Here, so that you may judge for yourself, is the wording of the relevant section of Law 42: "Umpires shall consider intimidation to be the deliberate bowling of fast, short-pitched balls which by their length, height and direction are intended or likely to inflict physical injury on the striker. The relative skill of the striker shall also be taken into consideration." To curtail the use of such bowling is not an option available to umpires, but their duty, and one that has been widely neglected for far too long. Hence the armour with which batsmen now equip themselves.

To strike the right balance will need courage as well as judgment on the part of the five wise men. As many West Indians as Englishmen are likely to attend the Test matches. Englishmen among them are no more going to enjoy the sight of England's batsmen being hit than West Indians are of their bowlers being warned. In 1976, when the England selectors were looking for batsmen to blunt the West Indian fast bowlers, they turned to such old campaigners as Edrich, Close and Steele, but England still lost the last three Test matches. It is, in fact, 15 years since West Indies were beaten in England; since the end of the Packer intervention they have played 34 Test matches, of which they have lost only two. Never before has a side come so near to achieving immunity from defeat, or set out to do so more systematically.

Since the England team returned from Pakistan a month ago, I have been interested to read the opinions of two of the game's senior and most respected players, Bob Taylor and the new chairman of the Cricketers' Association, Geoff Cook. Taylor first. "They [some of his younger colleagues in the winter] seem much less conscientious about their game these days . . . the entire approach of many of them is less professional than it used to be . . . they have grown up in a different age and standards have changed, but it is my personal view that they haven't changed for the better."

Cook's comments, also in *The Mail on Sunday*, may be seen as a plea to the TCCB. "Punishments are not severe enough. If a player is reported to Lord's and they find he has brought the game into disrepute, then he should be suspended." It is not only crotchety old cricket correspondents who feel that off the field, as well as on it, the nuts and bolts of the English game need tightening up.

To end on a more cheerful note, we shall see, I am sure, some dramatically exciting cricket, and the weather promises the finest start to a season since 1976. That was the last time the corresponding match to today's at Lord's was not wretchedly cold and wet. A year ago, not a ball was bowled on any of the three days. Bookings for the main matches have been heavy, and hopes are high in most counties that they have among their ranks a young player or two who will help to restore England's fortunes, if not against West Indies this year then against Australia next. So now to Lord's, to see some of them.

## Full list of first-class fixtures and venues

### April

25–FIRST-CLASS MATCHES
Lord's: MCC v Essex
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Hampshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Glamorgan

28–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Leicestershire
*Bristol: Glostershire v Kent
*Southampton: Hampshire v Essex
Lord's Middlesex v Glamorgan
*Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Surrey
*Taunton: Somerset v Yorkshire
*Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire.
*Worcester: Worcestershire v Sussex
OTHER MATCH
The Parks: Oxford University v Lancashire

29–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Leicester: Leicestershire v Derbyshire

### May

2–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Canterbury: Kent v Essex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Derbyshire
Trent Bridge. Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan
OTHER MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Sussex
The Parks: Oxford University v Somerset

5–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Surrey
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Chelmsford: Essex v Gloucestershire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Somerset
Southampton: Hampshire v Combined Universities
Lord's: Middlesex v Kent
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Scotland
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Leicestershire
Bowdon: Minor Counties v Lancashire

6–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Nottinghamshire
Swansea. Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
Southampton: Hampshire v Sussex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Derbyshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Kent
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Surrey
Bradford: Yorkshire v Worcestershire

9–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Glamorgan
Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Kent
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex
Hove: Sussex v Surrey
Headingley: Yorkshire v Nottinghampshire
OTHER MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Warwickshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Middlesex

12–BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
Canterbury: Kent v Glamorgan
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
Taunton: Somerset v Sussex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Derbyshire
Perth: Scotland v Yorkshire
The Parks: Combined Universities v Surrey

13–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Northamptonshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Essex
Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire
The Oval: Surrey v Glamorgan
Worcester: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire

15–BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Derby: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire
Chelmsford: Essex v Surrey
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Combined Universities
Canterbury: Kent v Somerset
Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Yorkshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Minor Counties

17–BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Worcestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
Taunton: Somerset v Middlesex
The Oval: Surrey v Hampshire
Hove: Sussex v Glamorgan
Glasgow (Hamilton Crescent): Scotland v Leicestershire
Shrewsbury: Minor Counties v Derbyshire
Fenner's: Combined Universities v Essex

19–TOUR MATCH
*Worcester: Worcestershire v West Indians
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Derby: Derbyshire v Lancashire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Middlesex
Southampton: Hampshire v Essex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Minor Counties
The Oval: Surrey v Gloucestershire
Hove: Sussex v Kent
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Scotland
Bradford: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire
OTHER MATCH
The Parks: Oxford University v MCC (three days, not first-class)

20–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Lancashire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Middlesex
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey
Leicester: Leicestershire v Somerset
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
Hove: Sussex v Gloucestershire
Hull: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire

23–TOUR MATCH
Taunton: Somerset v West Indians
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Surrey
Chelmsford: Essex v Nottinghamshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Northamptonshire
Hove: Sussex v Hampshire
Nuneaton (Griff and Coton): Warwickshire v Lancashire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Leicestershire

26–TOUR MATCH
*Swansea: Glamorgan v West Indians
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire
Chelmsford: Essex v Surrey
Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex
Taunton: Somerset v Gloucestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
*Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire
OTHER MATCH
The Parks: Oxford University v Free Foresters (three days, not first class)

27–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Surrey
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset
Leicester: Leicestershire v Sussex
Lord's: Middlesex v Northamptonshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Worcestershire

29–TOUR MATCH
Liverpool: Lancashire v West Indians (one day)

30–COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Southampton: Hampshire v Somerset
Dartford: Kent v Middlesex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
The Oval: Surrey v Glamorgan
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Essex
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Sussex
OTHER MATCH
The Parks: Oxford University v Gloucestershire

31–TEXACO TROPHY
Old Trafford: England v West Indies (first one-day international)

### June

2–TEXACO TROPHY
Trent Bridge: England v West Indies (second one-day international)
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Middlesex
Swansea: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire
Canterbury: Kent v Gloucestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Surrey
Hinckley: Leicestershire v Essex
Horsham: Sussex v Northamptonshire
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Somerset
OTHER MATCH
*Belfast (Ormeau): Ireland v MCC (not first-class)

3–JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Middlesex
Southampton: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire
Canterbury: Kent v Gloucestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Surrey
Hinckley: Leicestershire v Essex
Horsham: Sussex v Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Somerset

4–TEXACO TROPHY
Lord's: England v West Indies (third one-day international)

6–BENSON AND HEDGES CUP Quarter-finals
TOUR MATCH
Arundel: Duchess of Norfolk's XI v West Indies

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## ATHLETICS

# Miss Budd unlikely to run into significant opposition

By Pat Butcher

The rough ride that Zola Budd and her entourage are experiencing over her eligibility to run for Britain at the Olympic Games, should she be selected, is unlikely to extend to her 1,500 metres race at Crystal Palace this evening. Only a move from the Greater London Council and the Sports Council, who control the National Sports Centre, can stop her.

The intention of the British officials, who have set up the race, in order that she can get under the 4min 24sec qualifying time for next month's United Kingdom championships at Cwmbran, is evidently not to embarrass her, or her backers with anything like reasonable opposition.

Of the eight or nine women assembled by the England team manager, Andy Norman, with some help from the coaches, Cliff Temple and Neville Taylor, to provide a field for Miss Budd, only Janet Prictoe and Sue Burtonwood have any credentials. Miss Prictoe is a former international, who has recently returned to training, and Miss Burtonwood was last season's indoor intermediate 1,500 metres champion, with a time that would leave her half the finishing straight behind an in-form Miss Budd.

None the less, the Crystal Palace authorities will need some extra staff, to cope with the thousands that will want to see Miss Budd's promenade.

Hopefully, they will stay and watch the men's match between the Southern Counties, Loughborough Students, London University and the Civil Service, where other Olympic hopefuls like Chris McGeorge, Ikem Billy, Jack Buckner, Geoff Parsons and Mark Naylor will be parading their considerable talents.

Miss Budd's Olympic future may be decided as early as this Friday, at the eligibility meeting of the International Olympic Committee at Lausanne. The head of the commission, Willi Daume, intends to bring up Miss Budd's change of nationality, although it is not on the formal agenda.

Gunnar Ericsson, another member of the eligibility committee, said yesterday: "It is unlikely that she will be able to compete at Los Angeles, according to the information that I have received on her." Mr Ericsson said that IOC rules were very clear concerning naturalized athletes – there is a three-year waiting period before they can compete for their new nation. But British officials contend that Miss Budd is a British citizen by right, and does not require the naturalization process.

## RUGBY UNION

# Bath prefer Redman to Hakin

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Nigel Redman, an England Colt last season, will play at lock in the Bath side who meet Bristol, the holders, in the final of the John Player Cup at Twickenham on Saturday. He displaces Hakin, the Irish international, who missed the semi-final at Nottingham because of illness and has been unable to win back his position.

Redman, aged 19, and a member of England's under-23 party to Spain next month, will bring added solidity to a Bath scrum likely to be outweighed by Bristol. There will, however, be much sympathy for Hakin, whose form before Christmas was exceptional, given the emphasis on mobility which Bath demand from their forwards.

Hill and Cunningham first indicated their recovery from injuries by playing in two games over Easter, as did Chilcott, the prop, who required match fitness after a period of suspension. Bath, playing the bulk of their second team, lost 9-6 to Glamorgan Wanderers on Monday, while Bristol, also fielding what amounted to a second team, beat Abertillery 32-4.

Bristol have few injury problems. They are optimistic that Barnes has recovered from an ankle injury sustained playing sevens and that Morley has recovered from a bout of influenza. Otherwise, their only doubt concerns Pomphrey, the lock, who had a knee injury but seems certain to play.

BRISTOL (probabe): P Cue; A Morley, S Hogg, R Knibbs, J Carr; S Barnes, R Harding; J Doubleday, D Palmer, A Sheppard, P Polledri, P Smith, N Pomphrey, M Rafter, R Hesford.
BATH: C Martin; D Trick, J Palmer, A Rees, B Trevaskis; J Horton, R Hill; G Chilcott, R Cunningham, R Lee, J Hall, N Gaymond, N Redman, R Spurrell, P Simpson

## ICE HOCKEY

# Whitley pay for casual approach

By Robert Pryce

Alfie Miller's attempts to defuse championship nerves may have misfired, as he now admits. The Whitley Bay player-coach returned from holiday in Majorca on Saturday in time to play against Ayr Bruins, a team Whitley have beaten at home and away in recent weeks. The road to Wembley is paved with insouciance. Whitley went down to a 10-3 home defeat.

"They just didn't want to be motivated," Miller said.

Ayr fell behind to a goal from Peter Smith, but then took an unshakeable grip on the game with a determination that had been lacking the previous evening, when they lost 12-8 on a Durham rink "better suited to water polo", according to one player. Jamie Crapper, who has been scoring goals on any surface short of brown spume, overcame the problems set by mere melting ice in scoring five goals

Durham and Murrayfield have now qualified for the British championship semi-finals, sponsored by Heineken, at Wembley in 10 days' time. Ayr and Dundee are favoured to join them.

Dundee's mood fell just short of insouciance after their first home defeat of the season, 6-5 to Murrayfield. "It didn't really affect team spirit at all.," Ray Halpin, their player-coach, claimed, adding that their performance had been an improvement on recent weeks. Jim Lynch scored the deciding goal with 25 seconds left.

Dundee recovered to win 7-4 at Streatham.

## VOLLEYBALL

# Men reach peak as women lose ground

By Paul Harrison

By winning four out of seven matches, England's men finished tenth in the Spring Cup competition in Majorca, which ended at the weekend. It was the men's best showing in the tournament.

Playing off for ninth to twelth places, they came from behind to beat both Austria and Denmark 3-2. It was England's fighting spirit that most impressed, and Stuart Fullerton's blocking, Martin Hodges's setting and Phil Newton's captaincy stood out. Spain, the hosts, beat the Netherlands in the final, 3-2.

For the women, the tournament in West Germany was less happy. They finished fourteenth, winning only two out of six games, and have slipped from the high point of eighth place in last year's tournament, when they did have the advantage of being hosts and having a relatively friendly draw. West Germany retained the title, beating the Netherlands again, 3-0, in the final.

## BOXING

# Boaster sets his jaw at Christie

By Bryan Stiles

Stacey McSwain, a brash young American, swaggered into town yesterday boasting of his boxing prowess, crowing that he had been in with the best of them and predicting that he would give the rising British middleweight, Errol Christie, a painful lesson tonight. Bravura and self-belief can be a healthy stock-in-trade for a boxer, but McSwain's boasting might have carried a little more weight if he had shown he was smart enough to work out the year of his birth.

McSwain's publicity handout claimed he was 23, he said he was 19 but, in the end, his medical documents proved he was 20. His recollection of details of his early boxing career were also somewhat hazy and his claim that he usually had just five or six days notice of a bout all began to raise doubts.

But there is no doubting his intention of trying to halt the unbeaten Christie in his tracks at the Alexandra Palace pavilion tonight.

His sales pitch went like this: "I am exceptionally good. People underrate me. From what I hear Christie is not ready for me and it is time for me to take him to school. I have been in there with the very best."

McSwain certainly went the full 10 rounds with Wilfred Benitez, the former triple world champion, in February before losing, but Christie, of Coventry, is regarded as a genuine world title contender and should end his boasting tonight.

Sharing the top of the bill will be Jimmy Price, of Liverpool, who takes a giant step up in class when he meets Ayub Kalule, the former world light middleweight champion. The Ugandan-born boxer, who is now a naturalised Danish citizen, lost his world title to Sugar Ray Leonard in June, 1981.

# Montero puts Magri on the shelf

**Paris (Reuter) – Plans for a European flyweight title bout between Charlie Magri of Britain and the holder, Antoine Montero of France, have had to be shelved. Montero will challenge Gabriel Bernal of Mexico for the world Boxing Council (WBC) title in Nimes on June 1, which rules out a bout against Magri next month.**

**Montero went to Los Angeles last Tuesday for three weeks' training for the world title attempt.**

**● Jimmy Cable and Said Smouna of France look likely to fight in Toulouse on May 25 for the European light-middleweight title vacated by Herol Graham.**

## FOR THE RECORD

### HANDBALL

HALEWOOD: Liverpool Airport four-nations tournament: Men: England 11, Scotland 11; Ireland 14, Wales 16. Final positions: 1, England, 5 points; 2, Wales, 4; 3, Scotland, 3; 4, Ireland 0. Women: Ireland, Wales 4; Scotland 5, England 12. Final positions: 1, England, 6 points; 2, England, 4; 3, Ireland, 2; 4, Wales, 0.
MIDLANDS LEAGUE: John Quinn, Sheffield, 21, Carlsberg MK 80, 27 Carlsberg are champions.

### TENNIS

Aix-En-Provence: Grand prix tournament, first round: W Masur (Aus) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 6-3, 6-3; M Ostoja (Yug) bt V Paul (Ec), 6-4, 6-1; A Krickstein (US) bt C Roger-Vasselin (Fr), 6-3, 7-5; J Nystrom (Swe) bt T Tulasne (Fr), 3-6, 7-5, 7-5; R Stadler (Switz) bt I Nastase (Rom), 6-4, 6-2; T Allan (Aus) bt B Gottfried (US), 6-0, 6-0; C Lewis (NZ) bt R Gehring (WG), 6-3, 6-2; P Cash (Aus) bt H Beutel (WG), 7-6, 5-7, 6-2; J Aguilera (Sp) bt R Arguello (Arg), 6-2, 6-2; F Luna (Sp) bt S Casal (Sp), 7-5, 6-3.
LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida: Women's tournament of champions, first round: S Hanika (WG) bt Y Vermaak (SA), 6-2, 6-1; V Ruzici (Rom) bt E Reinach SA), 6-2, 6-2; K Shaeffer (US) bt C Daniels (US), 6-1, 6-4; L Bonder (US) bt C Lindqvist (Sw), 6-4, 6-2; L Arraya (Peru) bt A Leand (US), 4-6, 6-0, 6-0.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, J McEnroe (US); 2, I Lendl (CZ); 3, J Connors (US); 4, M Wilander (SWE); 5, J Arias (US); 6, Y Noah (FR); 7, J Higueras (SP); 8, A Gomez (EC); 9, E Teltscher (US); 10, K Curren (SA).

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS (men): 1, J Connors (US), 958 points (5 tournaments); 2, I Lendl (CZ), 842 (5); 3, J McEnroe (US), 775 (3); 4, T Smid (CZ), 564 (8); 5, Y Noah (FR), 526 (5); 6, H Sundstrom (SWE), 472 (3); 7, M Wilander (SWE), 472 (3); 8, S Edberg (SWE), 450 (5); 9, J Arias (US), 445 (5); 10, E Teltscher (US), 323 (6)

WTA RANKINGS: 1, M Navratilova (US), 2, C Lloyd (US); 3, H Mandlikova (CZ); 4, P Shriver (US); 5, J Durie (GB); 6, K Jordan (US); 7, A Jaeger (US); 8, Z Garrison (US); 9, W Turnbull (AUS); 10, B Badusek (US).

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS (Women): 1, C Lloyd (US), 600pts; 2, H Mandlikova (Cz), 530; 3, Z Garrison (US), 410; 4, K Jordan (US), 330; 5, C Bassett (Can), 305; 6, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 285; 7, M Maleeva (Bul), 275; 8, M Navratilova (US), 250; 9, K Horvath (US), 210; 10, S Hanika (WG), 200.

EDGBASTON: Prudential 16 and under British hardcourt championship: First round: Boys: I Sapsford bt J Green, 6-1, 6-3. Girls: A Simpkin bt I Wild, 5-7, 6-1, 6-1; T Catlin bt J Pearson, 6-1, 6-4, C Wood bt C Bateman, 6-4, 6-1.

### BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Sunday: Texas Rangers 4, New York Yankees 0; Minnesota Twins 6, Baltimore Orioles 1, Boston Red Sox 12, Oakland Athletics 8; California Angles 9, Toronto Blue Jays 6; Detroit Tigers 9, Chicago White Sox 1. Monday: Cleveland Indians 3, Texas Rangers 1; Toronto Blue Jays 8, Seattle Mariners 5; Boston Red Sox 2, California Angels 0; Chicago White Sox 7, Baltimore Orioles 6. Postponed: Milwaukee Brewers v Oakland Athletics; Detroit Tigers v Minnesota Twins; New York Yankees v Kansas City Royals

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Sunday: Philadelphia Fillies 12, New York Mets 5; Montreal Expos 4, St Louis Cardinals 2; Houston Astros 3, San Diego Pardres 7; San Francisco Giants 9, Cincinatti Reds 5. Monday: Montreal Expos 6, New York Mets 4; Chicago Cubs 6, St Louis Cardinals 2; San Diego Padres 8, San Francisco Giants 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Houston Astros 1.

### GOLF

PGA EARNINGS: (all US): 1, F Couples, $254,728; 2, T Watson, 212,468; 3, G Koch, 208,868; 4, B Crenshaw, 201,264; 5, A Bean, 183,919; 6, J Renner, 183,320; 7, G Morgan, 174,497; 8, T Kite, 173,929; 9, D Edwards, 163,700; 10, B Lietzke, 148,150. British placings: 11, N Faldo, 144,705; 72, P Oosterhuis, 31,618; 111, S Lyle, 15,532.

LPGA EARNINGS (US unless stated): 1, P Bradley, $109,100; 2, B King, 77,180; 3, P Sheehan, 73,052; 4, J Inkster, 67,828; 5, A Okamoto (Jap), 57,664; 6, N Lopez, 57,076; 7, C Johnson, 56,353; 8, A Miller, 54,033; 9, J Carner, 44,329; 10, L Rinker, 40,789.

### HOCKEY

WEYMOUTH: Women's Easter festival: Tykes 0, Metros 0; Scarlet Strollers 0, Parkstone 2; Deadcats 0, Redland 2; Flamingoes 0, Seasiders 1; Brumagens 1, Parkstone 1; Minstrels 1, Ealing 1; Kays 1, Wimborne 0; Liverpool 2, Minstrels 4; Weymouth 0, Foresters 2; Barclays Bank 0, Redwings 0; Greenshanks 0, Hants Hogs 0; Bluebelles 1, Centurions 1; Wolves 3, Weymouth 1; Jolly Gn Giants 1, Weston 5; Greenshands 1, Ealing 1; Wolves 5, Vikings 0; Jolly Gn Giants 0, Witches 1; Weston 14, Vikings 0; Metros 2, Foster B.O.G.S. 0; Guildford 1, Deadcats 3; Newport 1, Barclays Bank 0; Flamingoes 1, Hants Hogs 1; Newport 0, Bluebelles 1; Guildford 1, Kays 1; Red Devils 2, Barclays II 0; Foresters 0, Hampton 0; Witches 1, Sarlet Strollers 2; Redwings 2, Redland 1; Foster B.O.G.S. 1, Seasiders 0; Centurions 4, Brumagens 0; Hampton 3, Wimborne 0; Tykes 3, Liverpool 1.

NPL (TEDDINGTON): Easter festival: Exports 2, Hustlers 0; Legends 0, Strollers 1; Horst 0, Wanderers 3; Porcupines 0, Raynes Park 2; Gnats 0, Ariels 1; Composts 0, Etessa 2; Red Lions 2, Old Isleworthians 0; Chestnuts 0, Lensbury 3; Exports 2, Horst 1; Gnats 0, Heston 7; GLC 0, Gypsies 2; Scorpions 1, Fleet 1, Thames Valley 0, Polytechnic 0; Lensbury 7, Horst 0; Hustlers 2, Strollers 5; Exports 1, Legends 2; Etessa 2, Raynes Park 0; Wanderers 1, Porcupines 0; Gnats 1, Red Lions 3; Ariels 2, Chestnuts 1; GLC 1, Composts 1; Lensbury 0, Scorpions 2; Gnats 0, Polytechnic 4; Gypsies 1, Fleet 0; Thames Valley 0, Old Isleworthians 1; Heston 0, Scorpions 0.
SOUTHEND: Women's tournament: Noordwijk 0, Caldonians 2; Westcliff 5, Harwell 0; Barnsley 0, Southend 2; Romsey 0, CP XI 3; O Westcliffians 0, Monmouth 0; Priory 0, Ipswich 4, Ealing 1, Westcliff 1; O Southendians 5, Noordwijk 0; Billericay 2, Midland Bank 1; Southend 2, Harwell 0; Barnsley 1, CP XI 7; O Westcliffians 0, Caledonians 1, Barnsley 1, Midland Bank 0; Ipswich 0, Westcliff 0; Harwell 1, O Southendians 3; Priory 1, Noordwijk 0; Billericay 2, Monmouth 0; CP XI 1, O Westcliffians 0; Ealing 0, Ipswich 0; Romsey 2, Midland Bank 0; Monmouth 0; Romsey 0; Southend 2, Ealing 0; Priory 0, O Southendians 1, Southend 3, Midland Bank 0; Billericay 1, Westcliff 1. Festival Winner Ealing.

### ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Dundee 5, Murrayfield 6; Streatham 4, Dundee 7 (R Wood 4). Group B: Durham 12 (Crapper 5, Tilley 3), Ayr 8 (A Reid 3), Whitley Bay 3, Ayr 10 (J Gibson 3)

### SQUASH RACKETS

CALGARY: World junior championship: England 2, Canada 1; England 3, United States 0, New Zealand 2, Malaysia 1; New Zealand 3, Netherlands 0; Sweden 3, Malaysia 0; Sweden 2, Netherlands 1; Finland 2, Wales 1; Pakistan 3, West Germany 0; Scotland 3, West Germany 0; Australia 3, Finland 0; Canada 3, Ireland 0.

### RUGBY UNION

GLASGOW: Seven-a-side tournament: Final: Kelso 34, Heriots FP 26.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

### FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

**European Cup**
**Semi-finals, second leg**
(First leg scores in brackets)
AS Roma (0) v Dundee United (2) (2.30)
Dinamo Bucharest (0) v Liverpool (1) (3.0)

**European Cup Winners' Cup**
**Semi-finals, second leg**
Juventus (1) v Manchester United (1)
Aberdeen (0) v Porto (1)

**UEFA Cup**
**Semi-finals, second leg**
Tottenham Hotspur (1) v Hajduk Split (2) (8.0)
Anderlecht (0) v Nottingham Forest (2) (7.0)

**Second division**
Middlesbrough v Sheffield Wednesday

**Third division**
Bradford City v Newport County (6.30)

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Gateshead v Bangor City (7.30).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Horwich v Marine; Gainsborough v Witton Albion.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fareham Town v Chelmsford
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.0). Aston Villa v Newcastle U; Bolton W v WBA, Derby C v Leeds U; Nottm Forest v Burnley. Second division: Huddersfield T v Coventry C, Oldham A v Grimsby T (7.0); Port Vale v Wigan A (7.0); Bradford City v Newport C (6.30).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelsea v Southampton (2.15); Fulham v Birmingham (2.0) Millwall v Bristol R (2.0); Oxford U v Ipswich; Swansea v Leicester.
MID-WEEK LEAGUE: Brentford v Cambridge United.
MID-WEEK LEAGUE CUP (2.0): Portsmouth v Bournemouth.
BEDFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Final: (Ampthill Town FC, 6.30): FC (Luton) v Stotfold.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dulwich Hamlet v Hitchin Town. First division: Epsom and Ewell v Chesham; Windsor and Eton v Hertford. Second division: Molesey v St Albans City.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Moreton Town v Abingdon Town.
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division (6.30): Littlehampton v Three Bridges; Peacehaven v Lancing; Ringmer v Southwick; Whitehawk v Burgess Hill.
SKEGNESS: English Schools FA Festival.

### CRICKET

LORD'S: MCC v Essex.
CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University v Hampshire.
OXFORD: Oxford University v Glamorgan.

### RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Nottingham v Llanelli (7.15).
TOUR MATCH: St Ives v Mufulira (Zambia).

### RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Fulham v Widnes (7.30).
SECOND DIVISION: York v Barrow (6.30)

**Owing to pressure on space, Conrad Voss Bark's fishing column has been held over until next Tuesday.**

## Racing: Champion jockey receives four-day suspension from Epsom stewards

# Vidalia can lead off memorable day for Eddery

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Ian Balding and Pat Eddery could be the combination to follow at Epsom today. It is difficult to escape the view that they have a good chance of winning the Princess Elizabeth Stakes adn the Warren Stakes, the two main races, with Vidalia and Spicy Story respectively. If that happens Eddery should crown a fine afternoon by winning the Great Metropolitan Handicap on Moon Mariner, who will relish both the distance and the fast ground.

Even the briefest of glances through *Horses in Training* will confirm that Balding has a strong hand of three-year-old fillies this season, a point bourne out at *Kempton* Park last Saturday when Clare Bridge won the Masaka Stakes on her reappearence.

Now, in an attempt to win today's feature race for a third *time* – he did so twice in the 70s with Elegant Tern and Memory Lane – Balding is saddling Glimmering in addition to Vidalia, in the Princess Elizabeth. Both are bred in the purple – Glimmering being a half sister to Glint of Gold by Troy, Videlia by Nijinsky, the last winner of the triple crown, and out of that top-class mare, Waya.

Of the two I prefer Vidalia, who *looked the sharper* as a two)year-old. She ended last season with a victory in Rome, having run *well* behind Mahogany at Newmarket before that. Kanz, who finished behing her *in Mahogany's race at Newmar*ket is one of Videlia's rivals

Balearic, a filly by Bustino and out of a sister to that fast horse Runnet, comes from a stable in form. But she has a lot to make up on Vidalia on paper.

Spicy Story, my selection for the Warren Stakes has won over a mile and three furlongs at Newbury already this season. So, he ought to have no trouble in lasting the extra furlong this afternoon. That race at New*bury should give him the edge* as far as fitness is concerned and enable him to get his own back on *Gambler's Cup* who beat him by a head at Goodwood last year.

Van Dyke Brown's winning form over a mile and a half at Thirsk earlier this month took a bit of a knock at Kempton on Monday when Librate, his victim at Thirsk, could finish only second in a fairly humdrum handicap. In the circumstances, I will not be surprised if Axios, who is by the 1978 Derby winner Shirley Heights and from the same female family as two other Derby winners, Blakeney and Morston, turns out to be Spicy Story's main stumbling block. On breeding Axios will be much more at ease racing over today's distance than he was over only seven furlongs at Lingfield Park

Moon Mariner, runner-up in both his races this season and far from disgraced in last year's Cesarewitch, could be a third winner for Eddery. Even under his big weight he will never have a better opportunity of winning a marathon than he will in today's Great Metropolitan Handicap.

# Banned Carson misses Guineas

By Michael Seely

**Willie Carson will miss the mount on Seattle Siren in next week's 1000 Guineas after being banned for four days for careless riding at Epsom yesterday. His sentence will run from May 3-6 inclusive. Last season the former champion jockey was disqualified for a total period of 24 days for three separate offences in this country. The apparent severity of these sentences was partly responsible for the totting up system of penalties being abolished.**

Carson on Guess Again and Steve Cauthen, who was riding Premier Coup, were engaged in a desperate duel in the closing stages of the Bunbury Stakes. After Premier Coup had passed the post a short head to the good, Carson lodged an objection on the grounds of bumping in the last furlong. His protest was overruled and his £35 deposit was ordered to be forfeited, but the placings remained unaltered as the stewards considered that they had not been affected.

The camera patrol film showed that, his whip in his right hand, Carson was riding hard all the time he was making his effort and Guess Again bumped the winner twice. In Carson's defence it must be said that there was no room for him to have switched his whip into the other hand. Carson said that he would not be appealing and when asked if he thought the sentence was fair he replied: "You'd better ask Steve Cauthen."

The result of the Blue Riband Trial Stakes shed little light on the classic picture. After a thrilling battle in the straight, George Duffield drove Long Pond past the post a short head in front of Darell *McHargue's mount Trial By Error.*

Lester Piggott had launched a dangerous looking challenge a *furlong from home,* but Henry Cecil's three-year-old then tired and was beaten a further half a length. Western Symphony, a well backed favourite, had little room in which to make his run, but the troubles of Vincent O'Brien's three-year-old were mostly of his own making.

Duffield rode an inspired race and Trial By Error appeared to have his race won everywhere but on the post. Long Pond was making only his *second racecourse appearance,* having previously finished runner-up to Bank Parade in the Wood Ditton stakes at Newmarket last week. 33-1 was offered against the *winner for the Derby afterwards.*

"You've got to say that Long Pond will handle the track," Paul Kelleway, the winning trainer said. "But I want time to consider whether to run him in the 2,000 Guineas first. But you know me, he *could run anywhere.*"

The George Wigg Memorial City and Suburban Handicap resulted in a pillar to post victory for My Tony. Taffy Thomas, who was recording his *third* victory in two days brought Geoff Lewis's four-year-old home four lengths clear of the favourite, Basil Boy. "I fancied him a lot today," the Epsom trainer said. "I thought he would win at Nottingham, but My Tony was murdered on the final bend and nearly brought down".

**Long Pond (nearside) inches out Trial By Error in yesterday's Blue Riband Trial Stakes at Epsom. Alleging (far side) takes third place (Photograph: Ian Stewart).**

# Corramacorra ends Tilbrook's long wait

**Point-to-point, by Brian Beel**

A lifetime's ambition was achieved at the South and West Wilts point-to-point on Saturday when Tom Tilbrook rode his first winner. The combined age of Tilbrook and Corramacorra, his only horse, is 78. Tilbrook will not readily admit to his age, but Corramacorra does not mind letting it be known that he is 14.

The nonsensical rule whereby an assistant trainer, who is paid to ride out on racehorses every day, may ride as an amateur, while a kennel huntsman may not, prevented Tilbrook from race riding until well into his fifties.

Another rider with good cause to remember Saturday was Sue Taylor, who notched her first win when riding Princess Lina at the Vale of Aylesbury. *The Vintner* started at 4-1 on in the ladies' open, but slipped up in the treacherous ground, victory going to Nitty's Girl.

Horses sold out of Roy Cambridge's yard at Shifnal continue to do well in point-to-points. These have included O'Down, Briar Park and Tigerland and on Saturday Honourable Enoch and Fiery Glen won at the North Staffordshire. Simon Crank maintained his lead in the north-west riders' championship by winning the open on Parc-An-Velvas in the fastest time of the day.

Long Journeys to Tweseldown by Crafty Look (Essex & Suffolk) and Macturk (Mendip) paid off when they won the ladies and men's open races respectively at the Hursley Hambledon.

Prunus Persica, after finishing third in the men's open at the Morpeth on its debut, was a warm favourite to win the maiden race at the Bedale and West of Yore but was beaten a head by Fanta's Girl. Chris Cundall, her rider, initiated a double in the open on Be Free.

Flying Ace continues his domination north of the border. He scored his 15th consecutive win in the ladies open at the Linlithgow and Stirlingshire but, disappointingly, will not be coming down to Sandown Park on Friday for the Audi Grand Prix de Chasse. Lucy Dun was injured when falling on Blencathra in a tight finish with Nelson's Beach in the restricted open. In the same race Missomega, who recently won the maiden at the Dumfriesshire, broke two legs and had to be destroyed.

With Lucky Friday winning at the Tetcott, all three horses from Andrew Congdon's stable have been successful this season. Lucky Friday won again at Eggesford on Monday. In the Massey Ferguson qualifier, the evergreen Grand Canon rode his 206th point-to-point winner, making all to score impressively on McNabs Quest. The combination also ran again on Monday, when they dead-heated in the maidens at closing at the Eggesford. Chichester Bird also had a double in weekend meetings winning at the Hursley Hambledon on Saturday and the Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray on Monday.

# Setback for Francome

John Francome, the champion National Hunt jockey, will be out of action for a few days after injuring his left leg when winning the last race at Chepstow on Monday, on Rhythmic Pastimes. Francome said: "I banged my leg on a plastic rail rounding the bottom bend. It did not trouble me until I got home, but it then needed three stitches. I hope *to be back for the Whitbread Gold* Cup on Saturday."

Fred Winter, said: "I think John was lucky his leg wasn't broken. The cut is on the inside, just where the leather goes and the stitches will need to heal properly."

Two course records were broken at Chepstow on Monday and two more went on the hard ground there yesterday. Les Kennard, who was responsible for one on Monday with King's Bishop, provided another record breaker with Leodegrance, who won the Canthe Handicap

*In winning the Welsh Novices'* Championship Chase Megrator knocked almost four seconds off the record set only yesterday by Lucyfar.

## EPSOM (ITV)

*[Televised (C4): 2.0, 2.30, 3.5, 3.55]*

**GOING:** firm.

Draw: up to 1m 2f: Low numbers best

*Tote double: 3.5, 4.10. Treble: 2.30, 2.35, 4.45*

### 2.0 CUDDINGTON MAIDEN ACUTION STAKES (2-y-o: £2,197: 5f) (15 runners)

101 0 RAS-EL-TIN PALACE (P Desai) A Pitt 9-1 ........ B Rouse 13
102 0 ALBANY LAD (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 8-12 ........ A McGlone 3 2
103 0 LINARIA (E Arnold) C Wildman 8-12 ........ A Dicks 7 14
104 WESTGATE FLYER (S Powell) P Haynes 8-12 ........ W Carson 6
106 00 MATCHSTICK MAN (B Boardman) H Beasley 8-9 ........ T Williams 7 5
107 2 THE UPSTART (The Bison Club) K Brassey 8-9 ........ M Hills 8
108 ELECTROPET (D Edwards) A Pitt 8-6 ........ S Cauthen 10
109 0 FRENCH EMPEROR (Mrs J Cripps) M Haynes 8-6 ........ I Jenkinson 12
112 0 LADY SHERWOOD (J Cribb) G Balding 8-6 ........ J H Brown 5 4
113 RIVERSIDE WRITER (S Mason) N Vigors 8-6 ........ P Cook 9
115 3 SUSANGUS (BF) (P Ashmore) W O'Gorman 8-6 ........ T Ives 15
116 0 EDWIN'S PRINCESS (V Randell) K Ivory 8-3 ........ P Robinson 7
118 0 HANNAH'S BIRTHDAY (C Kemp) C Wildman 8-3 ........ R Hills 3
119 4 IDLE TIMES (Mrs S Rowe) G Blum 8-3 ........ G Saxton 1
123 SHERIFFA (H H Prince M Saud) M Usher 8-3 ........ P Waldron 11

1983: Abandoned – waterlogged.

5-2 Susangus, 3 The Upstart, 9-2 Ras-El-Tin Palace, 6 Albany Lad, 8 Electropet, 10 Idle Times, 12 Sheriffa, 20 others.

FORM: RAS-EL-TIN PALACE (8-11) Dead heated 5th, 10l behind Opera Comique (8-13) at Folkestone (5f, £8,884, good to firm, Apr 17). ALBANY LAD (9-0) 7th and MATCHSTICK MAN (9-0) unplaced behind Cronks Image (8-11) at Kempton (5f, £1,979, good to soft, Apr 6). THE UPSTART (9-0) beaten a short head by Cornwall (9-0) at Warwick (5f, £684, good, Apr 9). FRENCH EMPEROR (8-11) beaten 4l when 5th to Zantac (8-11) at Folkestone (5f, £1,205, soft, Mar 26). SUSANGUS (7-13) 4l, 3rd to Coincidental (8-2) at Beverley (5f, £1,534, good to soft, Apr 6). EDWINS PRINCESS (7-10) finished unplaced. IDLE TIMES (7-10) beaten 5l when 4th to Swift River (8-11) at Edinburgh (5f, £787, good, Apr 7).
Selection: THE UPSTART.

## Epsom selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Susangus. 2.30 Vidalia. 3.5 Spicy Story. 3.55 Swift Palm. 4.10 MOON MARINER (Nap). 4.45 Viceroy Lad.

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2.0 Susangus. 2.30 Ophrys. 3.5 Axios. 3.35 Kiev. 4.10 Powersaver Lad.

By Michael Seely

2.0 Idle Times. 2.30 Kanz. 4.10 THE PAWN (nap).

### 2.30 PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES (Group 3: 3-y-o fillies: £23,328: 1m 110yd) (12)

201 3041- VIDALIA (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-12 ........ Pat Eddery 10
202 310- KANZ (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 8-9 ........ W Carson 4
203 010-01 KATIES (J Fisher) M Ryan 8-9 ........ P Robinson 11
204 2103- LALLAX (A Snipe) M Leach 8-9 ........ M Hills 2
205 10200-4 MYSTERY SHIP (Mrs M Simpson) M Usher 8-9 ........ P Waldron 6
206 01143- NILE EMPRESS (R Sangster) B Hills 8-9 ........ S Cauthen 8
207 31-2 OPHRYS (BF) (A Hall) H Cecil 8-9 ........ L Piggott 9
208 04213-2 TRIAGONAL (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 8-9 ........ J Mercer 7
209 2- BALEARICA (Sir J Musker) M Stoute 8-6 ........ W R Swinburn 3
210 3- GLIMMERING (P Mellon) I Balding 8-6 ........ P Cook 5
211 002-0 HOME ADDRESS (E Moller) G Wragg 8-6 ........ J Reid 12
214 40- OUTWARD'S GAL (J Williamson) D Elsworth 8-6 ........ B Rouse 1

1983: Abandoned.

4 Triagonal, 9-2 Mystery Ship, 5 Katies, 6 Kanz, 7 Vidalia, 8 Ophrys, 10 Nile Empress, 12 Balearica, Glimmering, 16 others.

FORM: VIVALIA Winner in Rome final start, previously 4½l 4th (8-5) to Mahogany (8-8) at Newmarket, with KANZ (8-8) 9th and MYSTERY SHIP (8-12) and KATIES (8-8) further back (7f, £10,769, good, Oct 14). KATIES (8-12) ridden out to beat OPHRYS (8-9) ½l at Leicester (7f, £2,030, good, Apr 16). LALLAX had MYSTERY SHIP well behind when under 2l, 3rd to Betsy Bay (8-8) at Newbury (7f, £8,427, good, Oct 20). MYSTERY SHIP (9-0) ran best race yet when 6l 4th to *Mahogany (9-0) at Newbury (7f, £13,378, good, Apr 13). TRIAGONAL (8-9) short head 2nd to Mais* El-Reem (8-11) at Salisbury (7f, £3,054, good, Apr 7). BALEARICA (8-11) ran on well in Newmarket maiden to finish 1l 2nd to more fancied stablemate Optimistic Lass (8-11) (6f, £4,136, good, Oct 15). GLIMMERING (8-8) running on when 3rd, beaten 3½l, to Troyanna (8-8) at York (7f, £3,812, good to soft, Oct 6).
Selection: KATIES.

### 3.5 WARREN STAKES (3-y-o: £7,817: 1m 4f) (8)

302 12- AT TALAQ (H Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 8-12 ........ A Murray 8
304 011- GAMBLER'S CUP (P Norman) G Harwood 8-12 ........ A Clark 7
305 01010- GREAT WESTERN (A Struthers) J Dunlop 8-12 ........ W Carson 6
306 02-1 SPICY STORY (P Mellon) I Balding 8-12 ........ Pat Eddery 5
307 0012-1 VAN DYKE BROWN (D) (H Demetriou) H Cecil 8-12 ........ L Piggott 4
308 1 MEDIA LUNA (Rokivale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-9 ........ P Cook 2
309 020-2 AXIOS (Mrs H Cambanis) B Hobbs 8-8 ........ G Baxter 1
311 00002-0 YANKEE BOND (A Richards) C Brittain 8-8 ........ T Ives 3

1983: Harly 8-12 W Carson (7-1) J Dunlop 8 ran.

9-4 Spicy Story, 11-4 Great Western, 7-2 Gambler's Cup, 11-2 At Talaq, 8 Van Dyke Brown, 10 Axios, 16 others.

FORM AT TALAQ (9-5) 3l 2nd to Rousillon (9-5) at Goodwood (1m, £2708 good, sept 12). GAMBLER'S CUP, won beth Oct, previously (8-11) beat SPICY STORY (8-11) a head at Goodwood (1m £4383, good to soft, sept 10), with AXIOS (8-11) further 7l away 5th. This season SPICY STORY, (9-0) beat Kinski (9-0) ½l at Newbury (1m 3f, £2795, good Apr 13). GREAT WESTERN (9-0) just over 8l 6th to Alphabatim (9-0) at Doncaster (1m, £46529, good to firm, Oct 22). VAN DYKE BROWN (9-0) beat Librate (9-0) 2l at Thirsk (1m 4f, £2152, good Apr 13). AXIOS (8-019) 1 ½l 2nd to Raami (9-2) at Lingfield (1m, £3921, good to soft, Apr 11).
Selecton SPICY STORY

### 3.35 DAILY MIRROR APPRENTICE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 4 (Handicap: £2,383: 1m 110yd) (22)

401 140000- BALINESE (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 4-8-11 ........ S Whitworth 22
402 30230-0 SOCKS UP (R Houghton) R Houghton 7-8-9 ........ D Price 13
403 104000- BOND DEALER (Mrs E Creed) B Swift 7-8-3 ........ R Spurway 7 8
404 20200-3 IOWA (W Harrison-Allan) C Wildman 5-8-13 ........ A Dicks 5 16
405 300130- SOME SUNNY DAY (R Gibbons) C Benstead 4-8-8 ........ N Dawe 2
408 0000-24 SWIFT PALM (BF) (Nimrod Company) P Cundell 7-8-5 ........ T Williams 4
409 3110-01 MONCLARE TROPHY (Monclare Products Ltd) A Pitt 5-8-6 (5 ex) K Bradshaw 21
410 144-120 KIEV (BF) (G Kaye) P Kelleway 3-8-5 ........ Gay Kelleway 17
411 021000- EIGHTH WONDER (Esal Commodities) M Haynes 4-8-3 ........ K Woolnough 5 12
412 00000-0 LAURENBEL (L Wadge) R Hannon 3-8-2 ........ L Jones 3 11
414 00400-0 CHADS GAMBLE (B) (J Bethell) J Bethell 8-8-1 ........ W Woods 9
415 000000- KING OF SPEED (P Crate) M Haynes 5-8-1 ........ G Landau 5 18
416 /01000- FAST SERVICE (Mrs J Jackson) C Horgan 5-8-0 ........ E Cullen 5 14
417 00000-0 IN A NUTSHELL (Mrs D Doughty) D Thom 3-7-13 ........ S Edwards 5 5
418 4300-00 BROCKLEY BELLE (C Spares) C Spares 5-7-13 ........ G Carter 5 1
419 0/0000- BROKENCROSS (W Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 4-7-13 ........ J H Brown 19
420 0100-20 SKY JUMP (BF) (B Swift) B Swift 10-7-12 ........ G Kennedy 7 7
422 400404- STYLISH MOVER (Burton & Smith UK Ltd) B Stevens 5-7-10 ........ P Bloomfield 15
423 00000-0 ELISETTA (J Prentice) M Blanshard 4-7-9 ........ N Adams 3 10
424 0000-00 SUSAN'S SUNSET (B) (J Pegley) S Woodman 6-7-9 ........ S Dawson 6
426 0300-40 BIDDABLE (H Thelwall-Jones) R Hodges 5-7-7 ........ – 3
427 /00001- CLOSE TO YOU (E Etherington) Pat Mitchell 4-7-7 ........ P John 5 20

1983: Abandoned.

3 Monclare Trophy, 7-2 Kiev, 9-2 Swift Palm, 7 Iowa, 8 Sky Jump, Socks Up, 10 Balinese, 12 Some Sunny Day, 20 others.

FORM BALINESE (8-9) 7 ½l 8th to Jade Ring (8-4) (Newmarket 7f, £3334, good to firm, Sept 30). IOWA (8-11) 5l 3rd to Obadiah (8-1) with SWIFT PALM (8-4) a neck away in 4th and SOCK UP (9-9) 9th (Nottingham 10f £2043, good to soft, Apr 2). SOME SUNNY DAY (8-0) 14 ½l 7th to Jobroke (8-9) (Goodwood 8f, £2428, good Sept 27). MONCLARE TROPHY (9-7) neck winner from Stonehenge (9-4) with BIDDABLE (8-13) ½l away in 5th (Folkestone 10f, £755, good to firm, Apr 16). KIEV (8-1) 7th to Risk All (8-6) (Kempton 10f, £2670, good to soft, Apr 6). LAURENBEL (9-3) 8 ½l 5th to Dorset Ventrue (9-7) (Warwick 7f £1282, good, Apr 9).

### 4.10 GREAT METROPOLITAN HANDICAP (£4,285: 2m 2f) (13)

502 3202-22 MOON MARINER (BF) (A Cousins) C Brittain 4-9-8 ........ Pat Eddery 7
503 216100- HI EASTER (Mrs A Port) H Candy 4-9-2 ........ R Curant 10
504 32300-0 FIGHTER PILOT (P Gray) M Pipe 4-8-13 ........ J Reid 13
505 /03034- GAMON (A Snipe) M Leach 4-8-13 ........ W R Swinburn 2
507 333321- POWERSAVER LAD (D) (C I S Holdings) M Jarvis 4-8-13 ........ B Raymond 5
511 341300- WORDSWORTH (Nionisle Ltd) D A Wilson 4-8-9 ........ S Cauthen 8
514 0100/0- DALBURY (R Smale) P Haynes 6-8-4 ........ T Williams 7 3
516 204300- HENRY GEARY STEELS (F Pullen) R Champion 4-8-3 ........ M Hills 6
517 340000- ASSERTER (G Morley) H Wharton 5-8-1 ........ S Dawson 5 1
519 0300-44 CHEKA (D) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-8-0 ........ E Johnson 9
520 43020-0 THE PAWN (B) (Miss C Coyne) M Ryan 5-7-11 ........ P Robinson 11
522 0100-02 NERAIDA (G Nicolaou) M Haynes 4-7-8 ........ I Jenkinson 12
523 4u2210/ B JASKI (M Perry) G Thorner 5-7-8 ........ – 4

1983: Abandoned.

3 Moon Mariner, 9-2 Powersaver Lad, 5 The Pawn, 6 Cheka, 7 Hi Easter, 8 Fighter Pilot, *Dalbury, 10 Henry Geary Steels, 12 Neraida, 20 others.*

FORM: MOON MARINER (9-1) 3l 2nd to Canio (7-13) at Lingfield (2m, £2,674, good to soft, Apr 11), with FIGHTER PILOT (8-10) about 9l away 7th. GAMON, 4th Catterick July, previously (9-0) 9l 3rd to band (9-0) at York (1m 4f, £3,251, firm, July 9). WORDSWORTH, unplaced final two starts, *previously (8-10) 1l 3rd to High Cannon (8-13) at Ayr (1m 7f, £2,632, soft, Sept 15), when* MOON MARINER (8-13) beaten 2l in 2nd. COMMIONTY, unplaced Newbury Oct, previously (9-0) 9l 3rd to True Heritage (8-4) at Haydock (1m 4f, £2,078, soft, Oct 13). CHEKA (7-7) just over 2½l 4th to Cut A Dash (7-12) at Newbury (2m, £4,4214, good, Apr 13).
Selection: FIGHTER PILOT.

### 4.45 EVELYN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,993: 7f 11yd) (10)

601 3100-4 TURN AND FLY (Esal Commodities Ltd) G Lewis 9-7 ........ P Waldron 1
602 02201-0 BOBBY DAZZLER (B) (R Morley) D Laing 9-4 ........ J Reid 2
603 0330-00 VICEROY LAD (C) (B) (F Broom) R Hannon 9-1 ........ A McGlone 3 9
606 03400-1 NATIVE HERO (F Garvin) P Mitchell 8-7 (6 ex) ........ T Williams 7 4
607 3410-0 DOCTOR'S ORDERS (C) (P Brookshaw) P Brookshaw 8-5 ........ M Miller 6
609 03300-0 FORGE CLOSE (Mrs P Brown) M Blanshard 8-3 ........ N Adams 7 5
610 02000-1 TOM FORRESTER (P Jubert) A Pitt 7-13 (6 ex) ........ B Rouse 3
611 00-0 NOTTA POPSI (V Lawson) M Haynes 7-7 ........ I Jenkinson 8
614 00040-4 THE MILKMAN (Lord McAlpine) R Smyth 7-7 ........ R Hills 10
616 000-2 WIND FROM THE WEST (D Tylden-Wright) N Vigors 7-7 ........ S Dawson 5 7

1983: Abandoned.

7-4 Native Hero, 4 Tom Forrester, 11-2 Turn And Fly, 6 Wind From The West, 10 Bobby Dazzler, 12 The Milkman, Viceroy Lad, 20 others.

## PONTEFRACT

**GOING:** good to firm.

Draw: Low numbers best

### 2.45 BEAST FAIR STAKES (2-y-o: £1,696: 5f) (3 runners)

4 11 STAR VIDEO (D) McCormack 9-6 ........ M Birch 3
6 21 SHOOT POOL (D) G Hunter 9-3 ........ J Matthias 1
11 KAKISA M Camacho 8-8 ........ N Connorton 2

1983: (fillies only) Magic 8-8 G Duffield (8–13 fav) W Wharton 6 ran.

8-11 Star Video, 5-4 Shoot Pool, 14 Kakisa.

### 3.15 BENTLEY SELLING HANDICAP (£701: 6f) (18)

2 3000- LUCKY DUTCH M W Easterby 5-9-7 ........ – 3
3 0/03- LOVE EXPRESS W Pearce 4-8-7 ........ S Keightley 14
4 20-00 ROYAL DUTY (CD) N Tinkler 6-9-7 ........ – 11
5 000-0 MING VILLAGE C Thornton 4-8-5 ........ Paul Eddery 15
6 000-0 SITICA (D) E Alston 7-9-4 ........ M Alston 7 18
7 4000- JUMP JAR (D) D Chapman 5-9-0 ........ D Nicholls 6
9 0-000 MOSES SAMPSON T Taylor 6-8-10 ........ A Mackay 13
10 010-0 MUSIC NIGHT (CD) (B) D Garraton 7-8-10 G Duffield 16
12 000- JUST WILMUR R Hollinshead 4-8-5 ........ W Ryan 5 17
14 0003/ BORDER SPOIL W C Watts 8-8-4 ........ – 8
15 4400/ CARPENTER'S BOY Mrs G Reveley 6-8-4 ........ Gray 2
16 0000- FRENCH TOUCH (CD) A Balding 7-8-3 ........ N Carlisle 12
17 00-00 DANZIG M Lambert 7-8-3 ........ A Cunningham 7 7
18 04-00 MISS BELLA J Berry 3-8-2 ........ K Darley 5
19 00-00 FREEDOM GLORY (B) T Fairhurst 4-8-1 ........ S Webster 10
21 00-00 ROIPAUL S Matthews 4-8-0 ........ B Jago 1
22 /0000- YASMEEN A Potts 4-8-0 ........ L Charnock 9
23 0/0-0 DRAGON ROCKET D Plant 4-7-13 ........ B Coogan 4

1983: French Touch 6-9-3 J Balding (6-1) A Balding 9 ran.

7-2 Music Night, 4 Danzig, 5 Jump Jar, 7 Lucky Dutch, Miss Bella, 10 Freedom Glory, Royal Duty, Ming Village, 14 others.

### 3.45 HEY SOFT DRINKS STAKES (£2,811: 2m 1f 24yd) (5)

1 3/114- ORE W Musson 6-9-13 ........ N Crowther 4
2 410/0- CIMA J Old 6-9-5 ........ – 5
5 8000- SILVER SNOW J Harris 6-8-10 ........ W Ryan 5 2
7 1120- NIGHT EYE (CD) E Durr 4-8-9 ........ G Duffield 3
9 1100- DANCING AFFAIR I Balding 4-8-6 ........ J Matthias 1

1983: Crusader Castle 4-9-7 P Eddery (30-100 fav) I Balding 5 ran.

5-4 Dancing Affair, 15-8 Ore, 3 Night Eye, 12 Cima, 20 Silver Snow.

### 4.15 FRYSTON STAKES (£1,811: 1m 4f) (10)

2 03-00 COFFEE HOUSE T Balding 9-8-4 ........ J Matthias 9
4 0-140 MISTER PRELUDE (D) M Jarvis 4-8-4 ........ G Duffield 5
5 0-340 PLEASURABLE E Alston 4-8-4 ........ M Alston 7 7
7 -4040 LEITH SPRING R Stubbs 5-9-1 ........ D Nicholls 6
8 3010- ABRACAO S Norton 4-8-11 ........ J Lowe 2
10 BEAUTIFUL SIN E Eldin 4-8-7 ........ A Mackay 10
11 0/000- BUSTOFF Miss S Hall 4-8-7 ........ M Birch 8
12 0/00 CROONING BERRY S Matthews 5-8-7 ........ B Jago 1
13 0003- DUSTY PATH W Bentley 6-8-7 ........ L Charnock 4
14 2-404 JACK RAMSEY M McCormack 4-8-7 ........ R Cochrane 3

1983: Wildrush 4-8-4 M Hindley (33–1) W C Watts 13 ran.

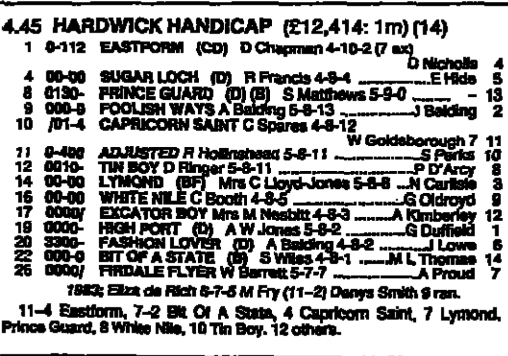
5-4 Jack Ramsey, 9-4 Mister Prelude, 5 Abracao, 7 Leith Spring, 8 Coffee House, 12 others.

### 4.45 HARDWICK HANDICAP (£12,414: 1m) (14)

1 0-112 EASTFORM (CD) D Chapman 4-10-2 (7 ex) D Nicholls 4
4 00-00 SUGAR LOCH (D) R Francis 4-8-4 ........ E Hide 5
8 0130- PRINCE GUARD (D) (B) S Matthews 5-9-0 ........ – 13
9 000-0 FOOLISH WAYS A Balding 5-8-13 ........ J Balding 2
10 /01-4 CAPRICORN SAINT C Spares 4-8-12 W Goldsborough 7 11
11 0-400 ADJUSTED R Hollinshead 5-8-11 ........ S Perks 10
12 0010- TIN BOY D Ringer 5-8-11 ........ P D'Arcy 8
14 00-00 LYMOND (BF) Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 5-8-8 ........ N Carlisle 3
16 00-00 WHITE NILE C Booth 4-8-5 ........ G Oldroyd 9
17 0000/ EXCATOR BOY Mrs M Nesbitt 4-8-3 ........ A Kimberley 12
19 0000- HIGH PORT (D) A W Jones 5-8-2 ........ G Duffield 1
20 3300- FASHION LOVER (D) A Balding 4-8-2 ........ J Lowe 6
22 000-0 BIT OF A STATE (B) S Wiles 4-8-1 ........ M L Thomas 14
26 0000/ FIRDALE FLYER W Barrett 5-7-7 ........ A Proud 7

1983: Eliza de Rich 8-7-6 M Fry (11–2) Denys Smith 9 ran.

11–4 Eastform, 7-2 Bit Of A State, 4 Capricorn Saint, 7 Lymond, Prince Guard, 8 White Nile, 10 Tin Boy, 12 others.



## Pontefract selections

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2.45 Shoot Pool; 3.15 Royal Duty; 3.45 Dancing Affair; 4.15 Mister Prelude; 4.45 Sugar Loch; 5.15 Super Trip.

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3.45 Ore; 4.15 Mister Prelude; 4.45 Capricorn Saint; 5.15 Woodpecker Boy.

### 5.15 WAKEFIELD MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £584: 6f) (10)

4 000-0 SUPER TRIP G Hunter 9-0 ........ J Matthias 2
5 400-0 WOODPECKER BOY W Guest 9-0 ........ M L Thomas 9
6 0- ZIPCODE C Thornton 9-0 ........ J Bleasdale 3
7 000- BABA ANN (US) Stewart 8-11 ........ G Duffield 4
9 0- DOMINION PRINCESS F Rohan 8-11 ........ C Dwyer 7
10 KADESH W Hastings-Bass 8-11 ........ R Lines 7 8
13 00- PENITRAIT B Morgan 8-11 ........ S Perks 5
16 204-0 QUEEN OF MUSIC (B) S Norton 8-11 ........ J Lowe 10
20 0- TOWN BUSTER H Wharton 8-11 ........ D Nicholls 6
21 400-0 YOUNG KNIGHT M H Easterby 8-11 ........ M Birch 1

1983: Crumble 8-11 G Baxter (7–2) B Hobbs 17 ran.

2 Queen Of Music, 11-4 Young Knight, 4 Super Trip, Zipcode, 8 Baba Ann, 16 others.

## Course specialists

### EPSOM

TRAINERS (five year period): H Cecil, 7 wins from 24 runners, 29.2%; G Lewis, 11 from 44, 25.0%; J Dunlop, 15 from 62, 24.2%.
JOCKEYS: L Piggott, 35 wins from 133 rides 26.3%; W Carson, 33 from 142, 23.2%; S Cauthen, 24 from 115, 20.9%.

### PONTEFRACT

TRAINERS: I Balding, 12 from 38, 31.6%; M H Easterby, 17 from 107, 15.9%; S Norton, 9 from 82, 11.0%.
JOCKEYS: E Hide, 19 from 102, 18.6%; G Duffield, 18 from 136, 13.2%; M Birch, 23 from 182, 12.6%.

## WORCESTER

*GOING: hard.*

### 2.15 HUMBLETON NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £790: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

3 0100 COUNTY PLAYER Mrs S Oliver 7-11-9 ........ Miss S Oliver 7
15 0300 DICTA DEN I Wardle 5-11-2 ........ K Mooney
27 u002 MAJOR GAMBLE A Barrow 10-11-2 ........ Lorna Vincent
44 p000 SOVEREIGN LACE Mrs C Seymour 4-10-4 ........ C Cox 7

1983: Ever-So-Sure 5-11-7 R Crank (25-1) B McMahon 15 ran.

11-10 Major Gamble, 7-4 County Player, 5 Dicta Den, 8 Sovereign Lace.

### *2.45 NEWLAND HANDICAP CHASE* (£1,543: 2m) (8)

2 2114 GREY DOLPHIN (CD) (B) J Bradley 9-11-10 ........ G Davies
3 2402 WESTERN ROSE (D) Mrs M Rimell 12-11-10 S Morshead
17 10p0 BROTHER SLANEY (D) J Exton 8-10-0 ........ A Webb
18 1314 LITTLE TROUBLE (CD) C Hitchings 8-10-0 ........ R Hyett
24 22up BALLYBUTLER (D) V Bishop 12-10-0 ........ A Webber
25 u044 CHELSEA BAR P Bailey 10-10-0 ........ J Burke
26 0030 DUNDRUM BAY (CD) (BF) A Barrow 9-10-0 ........ P Stone 7
28 u000 JOHNNY TARQUIN (D) R Ledger 11-10-0 Mrs N Ledger

1983: Space Bridge 9-10-0 C Hoigans (12-1) G E Jones 10 ran.

4-5 Western Rose, 7-2 Grey Dolphin, 6 Chelsea Bar, 8 Little Trouble, 10 Dundrum Bay, 14 others.

### 3.15 BRAINGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,544: 2m 4f) (6)

10 0-030 BLAKE (D) W Clay 7-11-7 ........ S O'Neill
13 0400 COVENT GARDEN (D) W Clay 6-11-1 ........ C Mann
16 3201 GAMBLING PRINCE Mrs G Jones 11-11-0 ........ J Burke
24 0403 WHISKY GO GO (C) (BF) Miss R Hamer 8-10-2 NON RUNNER
26 002 ROSA RULER (D) I Wardle 6-10-0 ........ K Mooney
28 0p2r GOLD INLAY (C) J Jenkins 4-10-0 ........ R Ghoidstein

*1983: Rheinford 7-10-6 P Murphy (10-1) J Old 14 ran.*

7-4 Gambling Prince, 5-2 Gold Inlay, 4 Rosa Ruler, 5 Blake, 8 Covent Garden.

### 3.45 R M C GROUP NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,340: 3m) (3)

6 10f0 GUIENNE Mrs J Barrow 8-12-0 ........ M Bosley 7
9 2f-2 JUST ONCE W Mawle 7-12-0 ........ A Hill 7
28 p3p0 OWEN GAIL T Parrott 8-12-0 ........ T Jackson 7

1983: Kentigern 7-12-0 Miss A Dare (11-2) Mrs J Bainbridge 20 ran.

4-7 Just Once, 9-4 Owen Gail, 11-2 Guinne.

## Worcester selections

*By Mandarin*

2.15 County Player. 2.45 Western Rose. 3.15 Gambling Prince. 3.45 Just Once. 4.15 Seven Acres. 4.45 Debt Follower.

### 4.15 STOURPORT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,024: 2m 4f) (8)

11 00pfpu FLASHY'S PAL (CD) R Hickman 7-11-7 ........ M Williams
21 p2p0 SEVEN ACRES I Wardle 8-11-0 ........ Mr N Babbage 4
24 23u0 BINEHAM CITY T Bulgin 7-10-12 ........ J Lovejoy
25 1030 EASY FELLA (B) R Armytage 10-10-12 ........ A Webber
26 0pfp HUDSON'S BAY (BF) (B) N Henderson 11-10-11 P Croucher 7
28 0201 OLIVER HARDY Mrs B Waring 9-11-0 (5 ex) ........ J Williams
29 4004 ASPEN FLARE R Howe 8-10-9 ........ G Moore
31 4x31 LLOYD ARDUA (D) B Cambidge 11-10-7 (5 ex) ........ C Mann

1983: Master Nibble 6-10-0 A Webb (5-1) C Holmes 18 ran.

3 Oliver Hardy, 4 Lloyd Ardua, 5 Easy Fella, 6 Flashy's Pal, 8 Aspen Flare, 10 Hudson's Bay, 12 Seven Acres, 14 Bineham City.

### 4.45 HIMBLETON NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £807: 2m 4f) (5)

10 p000 DEBT FOLLOWER Mrs G Jones 6-11-2 ........ J Burke
22 PANCOSUN W G Morris 6-11-2 ........ W Morris 4
26 pf00 RODALAN Mrs B Waring 9-11-2 ........ John Williams
43 3pp-1 THAT WOMAN N A Smith 8-10-11 ........ J Suthern
49 BRADWELL GIRL Earl Jones 4-10-4 ........ –

*1983: Something Special 6-12-3 A Webber (6-4 fav) P Bevan 9 ran.*

Evens Debt Follower, 3 Bradwell Girl, 5 Pancosun, 7 Rodalan, 8 That Woman.

## Monday's point-to-point winners

BRAES OF DERWENT: Mdn: Versina. Op: *Navigational Aid. Op: Dom Mancini. Res:* Tatan. Adj: Glenroy. Mem: Dunnikier House.

CHIDDINGFOLD, LECONFIELD AND COWDRAY: Adj: Batnac. Res: Night Attack. Op: Days Gorse. Op: Chichester Bird. Mdn: Jousting. Mem: Flying Romany.

EAST KENT: Adj: Squiffy's Daughter. PPOA: Iris's Wish. Op: Jackaway. Op: Yung Cheng. *Mdn: Not Intended.*

EGGESFORD: Mem: Alightment. L Op: Lucky Friday. Adj: Richard G. Res: Dull Light. Op: Cinber. Mdn: Cappagh Cleuch and McNabs *Quest (dh).*

ESSEX FARMERS: Mem: Miss Barle. Adj: Young Segert. L Op: Haycocks Rabbit. Op: Wanderna. Res: New Loma. Mdn: Broughton Bishop.

FOUR BURROW: Mem: Silvers Pet. Op: Just *Wishing. L Op: Broughty Pier. Res: Jo's* Flamenco. Mdn: Parthonaire.

NORTH COTSWOLD: Mem: Forbidden Fruit. Adj: Dombolus. Op: Egbert. L Op: Brown *Sauce. Res: Prince Ivor w/o. Mdn: Country* King.

OLD BERKSHIRE: Mem: Flexibility. Adj: Ruffles IV. Op: Nord Hinder. L Op: Orphan Grey. Res: *Patrol Ration. Mdn: Hazelwain.*

SOUTH NOTTS: Mem: Kay Harker. Adj: Offa's Dyke. Op: Fury Rock. L Op: Kyle of Lochalsh. Res: Clear Blaze. Mdn: Cool Conquest.

SOUTHDOWN AND ERIDGE: Mem: Contarville. Res: Miss Prague. L Op: El Padre. Op: No Justice. Adj: Running Steep. Mdn: Duran.

SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE: Mem: Festive Season. Mdn: Price Commission. Op: Wide Talk. L Op: National Clover. Res: Red Spirit. *Adj: Fridays Meadow.*

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE: Mem: Beggar Me. Op: Parc-an-Velvas. L Op: Ballyo. Res: Barning. Adj: Centaura. Mdn I: Ayrsome. Mdn II: Fiery Glen.

STAINTONDALE: Adj: Hyde. Res: Little Midge. L Op: Green Briar. Farmers: Foruth Mark. Op: Miss Crozina. Mdn: Whistling Jim.

TALYBONT: Mem: Benvenuti. Adj: Reeman. L Op: Ernie the Milk. Op: Eggington and Sarum Kybo (dh). Mdn: Taf. Res: Claredel.

TAUNTON VALE: Mem: Cyricar. Adj: Double Fox. Op: Kirkstone Pass. L Op: Prince *Milbourne. Res: Arizona Belle. Mdn: Rooney* Scott.

VINE AND CRAVEN: Mem: Tularoan. Res: Roxson. L Op: Little Camford. Op: Buck Royale w/o. Adj: Cashea. Mdn: Rodahot.

# Results from yesterday's five meetings

## Epsom

Going: firm.

2.0 HYDE PARK MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £1,534: 5f)

SILENT FLUTTER b c by Auction Ring – Mother Flutter (C Holland) 9-0 Pat Eddery (7-4 fav) 1
Bucks Bolt b c by The Brianstan – Taj Jahan (Mrs J Blindell) 9-0 ........ P Cook (11-2) 2
Enchanted Lady b f by Bold Lad – Superb Lady (A Berzack) 8-11 ........ P Robinson (10-1) 3

Also Ran: 15-2 Alexanders Revenge (5th), 20 Donchester Girl (4th). 5 ran. 4l, sh hd, 2 5 Mrs C Reavey at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £1.50; Places: £1.10, £2.10 DF: *£2.00. CSF: £3.80. 58.21secs.*

2.30 GEORGE WIGG CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP (£9,333: 1m 2f)

MY TONY ch c by Be My Guest–Pale Gold (E Holding) 4-7-12 ........ M L Thomas (10-1) 1
Basil Boy b h by Jimsun – Slick Chick (B Haywood) 5-8-6 ........ A McGlone (9-4 fav) 2
Soldier Ant ch c by Brigadier Grard – Hants (A Richards) 4-9-10 ........ Pat Eddery (7-1 3

Also Ran: 9-2 Cabello (6th), 8 Orattavo (5th), Redden (4th, 9 Stay Sharp, 20 Bertha, 33 Majestic Star. 9 ran. 4l, ¾, sh hd, 2l, 3l. G Lewis at Epsom.

TOTE: Win: £7.60. Places: £1.50, £1.10, £1.80. *DF: £13.50. CSF: £29.59 2min 09.08sec.*

3.5 BLUE RIBAND TRIAL STAKES (Group III: 3-y-o: £24,318: 1m 110 yds)

LONG POND ch, c by Rarity – Raindrops (D Dem) 8-6 ........ G Duffield (14-1) 1
Trail By Error b c by Caro – Perfect Pigeon (S Fradkoff) 8-9 ........ D McHargue (10-1) 2
Alleging b c by Alleged – Sweet Habit (E Holding) 8-9 ........ L Piggott (7-2) 3

Also Ran: 2 fav Western Symphony (4th), 4 Elegant Air (5th), 12 Executive Man, 20 Ziggurat, 25 Bare Essence (6th), 33 Courting Season, 50 Alcmeme, and Coonchar. 11 ran. NR: Golden Flame. Sh hd, ½l, 2l, hd, 2½. P Kelleway at Newmarket.
TOTE: Win: £12.50. Places: £1.90, £2.20, £1.20. DF: £47.20. CSF: £126.23.

*3.35 MINORU HANDICAP (£3,132: 5f)*

SPARK CHIEF b h by Chieftain – Heavenly Spark (R Tikkoo) 5-8-3 Pat Eddery (7-2 fav) ........ 1
*Manilow ch g by Singing Bede – Lease Lend* (C Hugheadon) 7-8-2 ........ G Dickie (6-1) 2
Steel Charger b h by Steel Heart – Belaying Pin (D McIntyre) 7-8-2 ........ P Robinson (14-1) 3

*Also Ran: 5 Hilton Brown (5th), 6 Bri-Eden* (4th), Saint Crespin Bay, 10 Fleet Bay, Parabems, 20 St Terramar (6th), 25 My Louise, 33 The Warriors. 11 ran. 2½l, 1l, nk, nk, 2l. F Durr at Newmarket.
TOTE: Win: £3.40. Places: £1.00, £2.30, £8.20. DF: £6.80. CSF: £23.15. Tricast: £238.34. 54.77 sec. After Stewards inquiry result stood.

4.10 APRIL HANDICAP (3-y-o: fillies: £3,889: 1m 110yds)

SEATTLE ROSE b f by Seattle Slew– Sancta Rose (C Karpidas) 9-2 ........ J Mercer (8-1) 1
Senane ch f by Vitiges– Formulate (Mrs D Butter) 9-3 ........ L Piggott (3-1 fav) 2
Sweet Soprano Ch f by High Line– Be Sweet (L Freedman) 8-4 ........ Pat Eddery (9-2) 3

Also Ran: 6 Nadia Nerina (6th), 7 Our Island Story (4th), 8 Tizzy (5th), 9 Southern Dynasty, 20 Tapiola, 25 Araminta Mavis. 9 ran. 1l, 2½l, 3l, hd, 8l. P Walwyn at Lambourn.

TOTE: Win: £9.00. Places: £2.40, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £7.60. CSF: £28.95. 1 min 45.94 sec.

4.45 BUNBURY MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £2,344: 7f)

PREMIER COUP b c by Mr Leader– Grand Coup (Esal Ltd) 9-0 ........ S Cauthen (9-2) 1
Guess Again B f by Stradavinsky– Galka (Baroness H H Thyssen) 8-11 W Carson (13-2) 2
Falklands Ruler b c. by Batonnier– TV Shock (W Ponsonby) 8-11 ........ T Quinn (5-1) 3

Also Ran: 4-1 jt fav Ariel (4th) American Winter (5th), 15-2 Hazel Boy (6th), 12 Alcinous, 25 Captains Gift, 33 Dinner Guest. 9 ran Sh hd, 1½, 5l, hd. 2l G Lewis at Epsom. TOTE: Win: £5.70. Places: £2.50, £1.20, £2.60. DF: £23.70. CSF: £30.43. 1m 23.30 secs. an objection to the winner by the second was overruled.

TOTE DOUBLE: £95.60. TREBLE: £148.75. JACKPOT: not won. PLACEPOT: £48.20.

## Warwick

Going: Firm

2.15 (5f) 1, Lassie Norman (R Wernham 33-1); 2, Stamping Ground (8-13 fav); 3, Master Francis (10-1). 10 ran. 1½l, 1l, M McCourt. Tote: £17.50. DF £30.80. CSF: £52.47

2.45 (7f) 1, Bossy Boots (B Raymond 9-1); 2, Catman (7-1); 3, Singing Boy (12-1); 4, Brockton (50-1). Gauhar 5-1 fav 20 ran. Sht hd, hd, M Jarvis. Tote: £8.10, £1.80, £1.80, £6.20, £15.20. DF: £11.10. CSF: £56.15 Tricast: £676.35.

3.15 (5f) 1, Pretty Face (K Darley 11-4 fav); 2, Bethan (5-1); 3, Talmisha (3-1). 10 ran. 1½l, 5, J Berry. Tote: £5.20, £1.80, £1 10, £2.20 DF £6 60. CSF: £16.28.

3.45 (1m 4f 52yds) 1, Macmillion (J Williams 11-2); 2, Pit Your Wits (6-1); 3, Tropical Mist (7-4). 8 ran. 15l, 2½l. Mrs B Waring. Tote: £7.20, £2.30, £1.40, £1.20. DF: £21.10. CSF £32.08.

4.15 (1m) 1, Dragon Fire (M Fry 9-2), 2, Averon (14-1); 3, Eyelight (9-4Fav). 10 ran 2½l, 1½l. M Eckley. Tote £7.40, £1.60, £2.20, £1.50. DF £27.70. C.SF £53.34. Tricast £146.66.

4.45 (1m) 1, Timber Merchant (T Ives 5-2Fav); 2, Linga Longa (33-1); 3, Blaze Ahead (12-1) 18 ran NR: Camden Lock. 2ls, ½l. J Winter. Tote £3.40, £2.20, £9.00, £2.80. DF £108.10. C.SF £86.24. PLACEPOT: £4.35.

Bruce Raymond, who scored a last-stride victory on Be My Queen at Warwick on Monday, rode another beautifully-timed finish to capture the Kingswood Handicap *Stakes there yesterday - on* Bossy Boots.

## Chepstow

Going: Hard

2.0 (3m hdle): 1, Beal (P Nicholls 4-1); 2, Major Setback (5-2 jt fav); 2, Square-Rigged (5-2 jt fav). 7 ran. NR: Halston's Flier. 25l, 8l. M Pipe. Tote: £5.10; £2.40, £1.00. DF: £6.20. CSF: £13.75.

2.20 (2m 4f chase): 1, Half Free (R Linley 2-11 fav); 2, Hadajar (4-1). 2 ran. NR: The Tsarevich. 4l. F Winter. Tote: £1.30.

3.0 (2m hdle): 1, Leodegrance (B Reilly 9-2); 2, Master Carl (10-1); 3, Cloudwalker (9-4 fav). 7 ran. NR: Minibank, Pacific, Sparkler. 20l, 8l. L G Kennard. Tote: £4.00, £2.20, £3.70. DF: £41.80. CSF: £38.48.

3.30 (2m chase): 1, Megrator R Linley 2-1); 2, Young Lover (7-4 fav); 3, Mossy Moore (7-2). 4 ran. NR: Run To Me. 2½l 12l. Mrs M Rimmell. Tote: £2.40. DF: £2.50. CSF: £5.56.

4.00 (3m chase): 1, Saffron King (Mr L Fogarty 2-1); 2, Brigadier Mouse (8-11 fav); 3, Rushbury (16-1). 6 ran. NR: Ba Ba Belle. 4l, dist. Miss P Barnes. Tote: £2.40, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.75.

4.30 (3m hdle) 1, Mariban (P Croucher, 6-1); 2, Artist's Design (11-10 fav); 3, Floating Lover (10-1). 7 ran. NR: Kamag, Pharaoh's Own, *Reddown, Smokental, Pyjama Game. 10l, 12l.* J Roberts. TOTE: £6.50; £1.30, £1.90. DF £5.30. CSF: £13.11. PLACEPOT: £39.25.

## Uttoxeter

Going: hard.

2.15 (2m 1f chase) 1, Chestnut Prince (G Charles-Jones 9-4); 2, The Surveyor (9-2); 3, Villierston (6-4 Fav). 6 ran. 2l. 3l. J Pridday Tote: £3.30, £1.50, £1.40. DF £5.50 CSF: £11.43.

2.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Solaire Prince (S Johnson 11-4 Jt Fav); 2, Blackbough (3-1), 3, Miss Inigo (11-4 Jt Fav). 5 ran. NR: Satin Grange, Roche Girl. 3l, ½l: Mrs K Coulman Tote. £3.20. £1.90, £190 DF £5.90 CSF £10.68

3.15 (2m 4f Chase) 1, Stand Beck (R Lamb 10-11 fav); 2, Fury Boy (7-2); 3, Anointed (7-2). 4 *ran. 7l, nk: W A Stephenson. Tote: £1.30* DF £2.40 CSF £4.44

3 45 (3m 2f Chase) 1, Honourable Enoch (Mrs H Small 9-4); 2, Melodic Lad (2-1 Fav); 3, *Ballygarvey (33-1). 6 ran. 12l, 20l: Mrs H Small.* Tote £2.50, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £2.70. CSF: £7 01

4 15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Double Discount (C Brown 5-6 fav); 2, Riboden (100-30), 3, Salad (9-4). 3 ran. 20l, 7l. C James. Tote: £1.60 DF: £2.20. CSF: £3 34.

4 45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Highland Gold (K Doolan 9-4); 2, Woolooware (13-8 fav); 3, Thetford Chase (20-1). 8 ran. NR. Lucky Lane. 8l, 8l D McCain. Tote: £2.80 Places £1.50, £1.40, £2.80 DF: £2 10 CSF £6 46 PLACEPOT £11.40

## Wetherby

Going: Firm.

2.0 (2m hdle) 1 Dawn River (C Hawkins 7-4), 2 Belle Isle Walk (7-2), 3 Mr Perfect (12 1), NR Penniless Dancer Sh hd. 20l N Crump Tote. *£2.50: £1.20, £1 30, £1 30* DF £2.70. CSF £7 84

2.35 (3m 100yd chase) 1. Waminda (Mr R Tate 8-1); 2, Pelaro (6-4 fav), 3 Zeelander (11-4) 5 ran NR Coulter Candy 4l sh hd R Dalton Tote. £14.50: £2.80. £1 10 DF £18.20 CSF £18.39

3.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1 Newlife Connection (G W Gray 11-2) 2 Sound of Laughter (11-2), 3, Hal's Guard (7-2 fav) 9 ran 6l, 2l W A Stephenson Tote £6 50. £1 60. £1.20. £1.70 DF £9 30 CSF £29 88

3.45 (2m hdle) . Jupiter Express (R O'Leary 5-2), 2, Karenomore (11-8). 3 Crackhill (11-1), 5 ran ½l, 20l J G FitzGerald Tote £2.80. £1 40. £1 40 DF £3.80

4.20 (2m 50yd chase) 1 Abersaig (C Grant 7-4 on (fav); 2, Even Melody (6-4) 2 ran 2½l D T Todd Tote £1 30

4.55 (2m hdle) 1, Seabright Smile (P Tuck 9-4); 2, Aqua Verde (2-1 fav) 3, Tumble Jim (7-1) 10 ran Hd, nk L G Parry Tote £2.90: £1 90. £1 40. £1.30 DF £3.50 CSF £6.82 PLACEPOT £4 75



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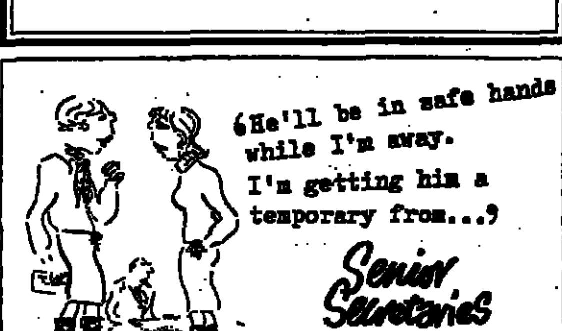
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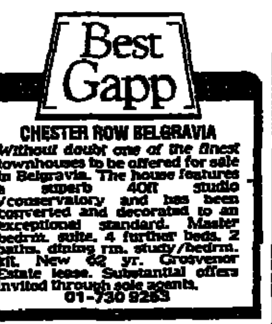
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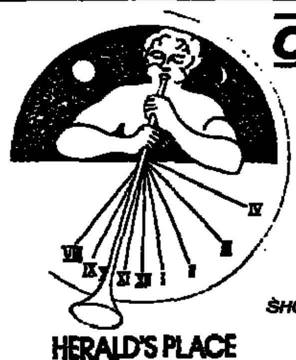


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# Rooms with a mews: where they are, what to pay

By Diana Wildman

The word "mews" came into being during the reign of King Henry VIII and it was soon used for all London stabling grouped around a yard or alley. Today London contains about 500 mews, the concept being virtually exclusive to our capital because in European cities, horses were kept in tall buildings with ramps for access.

The planners of London's Grosvenor Estate developed the mews block concept, two-storey cottages housing horses and coaches at ground level and servants in first-floor living quarters, as an incentive to attract the wealthy aristocracy. The mews inevitably flanked the rear elevations of these stylish residences, and solving the problem of stabling.

Chestertons' Connaught Street office have four unmodernized properties available in Bathurst Mews. The Chuch Commissioners, owners of the freehold, have granted each a 99-year lease. All need total conversion.

Chestertons, who manage the Hyde Park Estate for the Church Commissioners, are selling numbers 18 and 20 together for £190,000. They could, by utilizing sections of the two large double garages, convert into a roomy five-bedroom, three-bathroom, three-reception home. Or development could be as two separate units.

Further down the cobbled mews, number 60, consisting of one bedroom, kitchen and bathroom, reception and bathroom, is offered at £85,000 and the slightly larger 59 Bathurst Mews at £105,000. Both have large double garages.

Another two-bedroom mews on the Hyde Park Estate, which has already had part of the garage converted into a reception area, is in Archery Close. it needs updating, so Chestertons are quoting £45,000 for the 20-year lease.

The Mayfair mews is likely to be bought as a company pied-a-terre, according to Hugh Treseder of Sturgis, who adds: "A mews represents an alternative to a flat, providing the rooms are large enough. Most Americans find they are too small; if there is a typical buyer, he tends to be British".

Sturgis, unusually, have a freehold mews house in Shepherd Street just off Curzon Street, for which they are asking £210,000. There are three reception rooms but only two bedrooms: Sturgis say that the second-floor roof terrace could be converted to another bedroom with an en-suite shower room.

Garaging, in these days of the clamp, is a great attraction, but many Mayfair mews homes were virtually rebuilt without considering the growing need of the motorist and sadly most have lost this valuable commodity. One which actually has garaging for three cars is 5 Woods Mews, just off Park Lane, which was, appropriately enough, once the home of Lord Rootes.

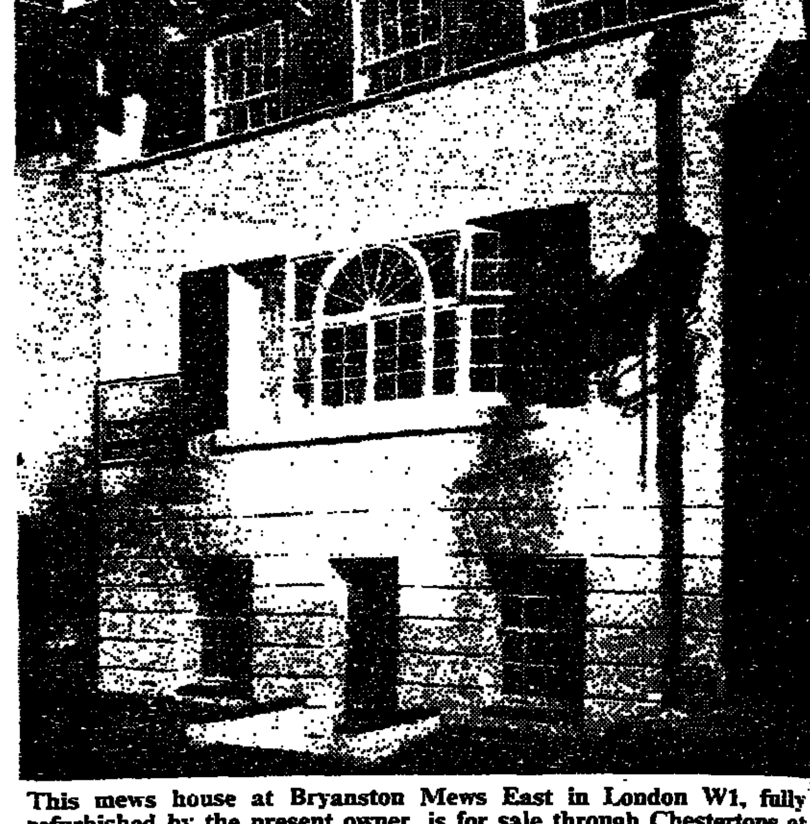
Access to 5 Woods Mews is through an archway closed off by large wooden gates which lead to a private cobbled courtyard. The whole carriage yard, built in the 1860s, was converted into two large flats and it is the first floor five bedroom/three bathroom unit which is for sale through Hampton and Sons and Chesterfield & Co, for £850,000 for a 72-year lease, with the price including a small staff flat.

There is a large roof terrace, 34ft by 31ft and the owner is granted access to the communial gardens behind the courtyard for a nominal £50 or so a year.

Prices in mews can be disproportionately high when compared to an equivalent-sized flat. But the advantages of owning a small house, especially with garaging, in central London, are bound to attract a premium even when outweighed against a home which almost certainly will open directly on to the street, albeit a quiet one. The lack of side and rear windows, the latter to prevent the servants seeing into the rear gardens of their masters, often results in a limitation of light and, as rooms were originally designed for the humble, ceilings are low and room sizes small.

A fine example of a fully modernized mews with a facade retaining the classic simplicity of its origins is 22 Chesham Mews, Belgravia, for which Aylesford and Co are asking around £190,000, for the 52-year lease. This cobbled mews is just off Belgrave Square. The house has recently been internally rebuilt and has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a garage and, important in London today, many security measures.

The value of a freehold mews property it emphasized by Jackson-Stops and Staff, who point to its freedom from rising ground rents and diminishing lease lengths. The firm's Chelsea office recently sold a mid-Victorian mews house in Clabon Mews, Knightsbridge, for more than £190,000. The house was in bad condition but the new owner is renovating it and providing an extra floor. Jackson-Stops and Staff say that the same house, if held on a lease of about 40 years, would have fetched about £130,000.



This mews house at Bryanston Mews East in London W1, fully refurbished by the present owner, is for sale through Chestertons at £169,500 for the 74-year lease. It comprises three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a large reception room and a small roof terrace. Details from Charles Oliver, Chestertons, 40 Connaught Street, London, W2 (01-262 5060).

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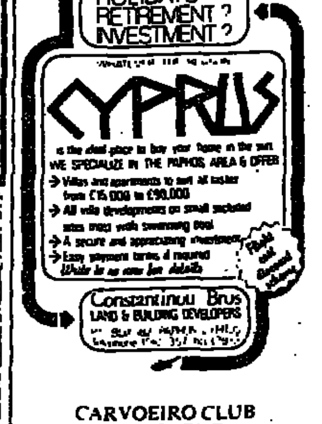
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## At a stroke– a house where Turner painted

A house at Knockholt, Kent, where J. M. W. Turner painted several studies and whose grounds include a summerhouse associated with Dr Samuel Johnson, is for sale through Bernard Thorpe and Partners at about £195,000. Ashgrove, dating from the eighteenth century and subsequently altered in the Edwardian period, was in 1801 the home of the water-colourist William Frederick Wells, who founded the Royal Water Colour Society. Turner, a close friend, stayed there many times. In the gardens there is a marble plaque indicating the site of the reerection of Dr Johnson's summerhouse in 1826. The house has been improved while preserving its original character. It includes three reception rooms, four or five bedrooms, a self-contained adjoining cottage, extensive outbuildings, and ground of about two acres.

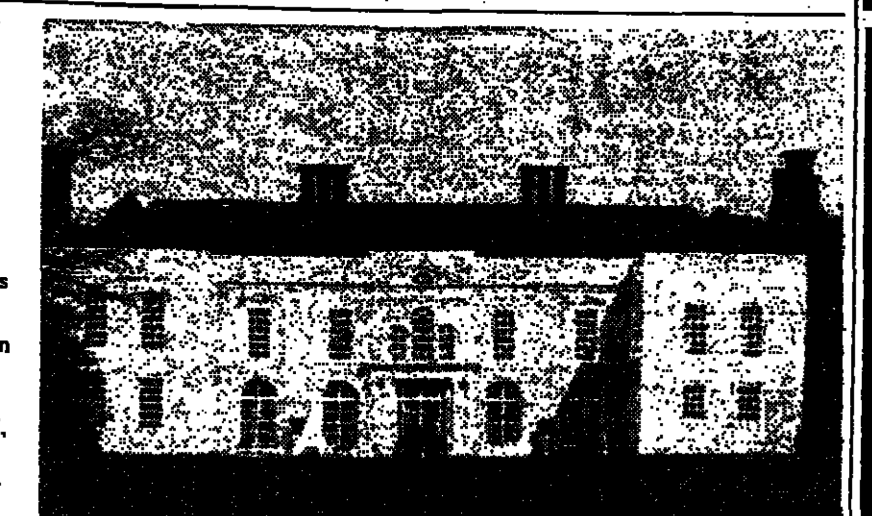
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Chilworthy House, near Chard in Somerset, which provided the setting for novels by Monica Dickens, is being offered through Humbert's Taunton office, for about £180,000. Built in Victorian times, the house at first sight appears to be the Elizabethan manor house which it replaced and whose beams and mullions are used in the "new" house. At the turn of the last century, the house was bought by Sir Herman Runge, grandfather of Miss Dickens, who spent many holidays at Chilworthy. Her first two novels, Marianne and The Fancy, were woven around the house.

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## Selling without charge

The property world goes mad from time to time, and the new firm of estate agents, John Spencer, which opened in Chiswick, west London, (01-995 8905) this month, is the latest to suffer from spring fever. In an opening offer, the partners Mike Finn and Richard Pownall have promised to ask no fees from genuine clients with a home to sell in W4. On a £60.000 home sale, it could mean a saving of more than £1,500, but the sellers must instruct the firm by May 28, the May bank holiday, and it must be their main place of residence for sale.



**Hintlesham Hall, Ipswich, the former home of Robert Carrier and the famous restaurant he opened, is to be sold at auction later this year through Hampton and Sons, who expect about £500,000 for the Grade 1 listed hall and its outbuildings. The hall is owned by a consortium who want to ensure that the original Carrier concept of a residential area incorporating the now-disused ancillary buidings is maintained. They are seeking an institutional, hotel or similar buyer for the entire estate, or a buyer for the hall and others for the outbuildings which will form a private "village". Otherwise the estate will be sold in lots, with Hintlesham Hall, built 1570-80, with 12 acres priced at £225,000, the Queen Anne House at £50,000 to £60,000, and the late seventeenth century Old Cookery School at £85,000. The other buildings include an archway house, coach house and stable block.**

## Here comes Hongkong

By Christopher Warman
Property correspondent

The confirmation by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, during his visit to Hongkong last week that Britain will withdraw its administration in 1997 has caused an immediate flurry of interest by both British expatriates and Hongkong Chinese in property in Britain and particularly in the London area.

Whereas the atmosphere had been one of uncertainty for the future now it is known, with the result that many people in Hongkong are turning their attention to a home in a few years' time.

Whitman Porter, estate agents with 10 offices in west London and one in Hongkong, are asking residents in west London through their free newspaper delivered in the area to consider whether their property might interest buyers from Hongkong. They have a large number of expatriates and Chinese on their books in their Hongkong office, which specializes in London properties, who are looking for property costing from £30,000-£500,000.

That is just one example of the interest from Hongkong. Further evidence comes from the Hongkong Overseas Property Exhibition, held at Kowloon this month. The exhibition covered a wide range of property investment throughout the world, and London residential property was represented by five agents: Farrar Stead and Glyn, W. A. Ellis, Roland Quick, Hamptons and Winkworths.

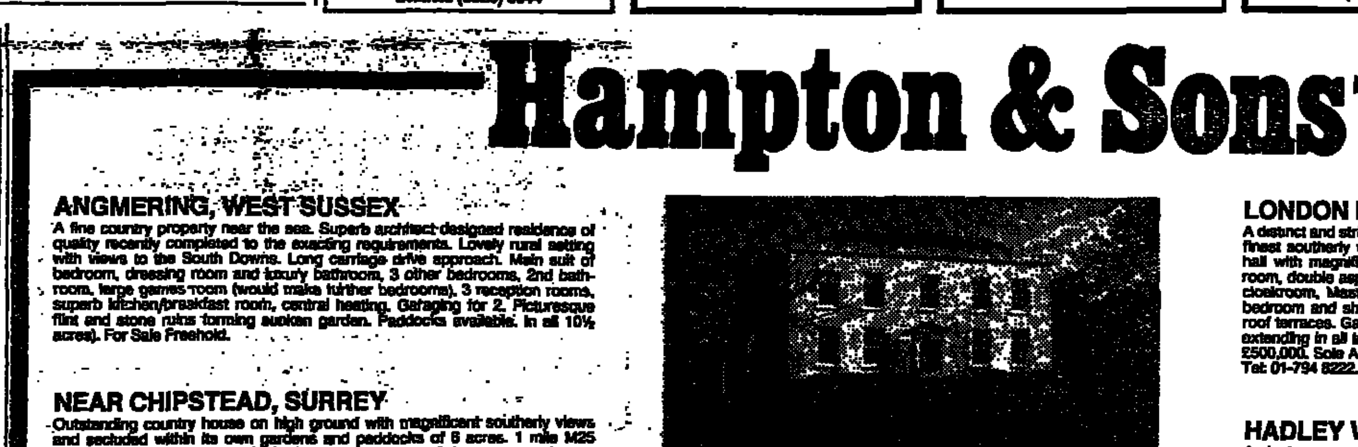
Farrar Stead and Glyn report that demand from Hongkong for London residential property is high, particularly among the expatriate community, with the emphasis on flats and houses in Chelsea, Kensington and Knightsbrdge. These areas, the firm explains, show the highest yields on a sub-let furnished basis, on average above 10 per cent a year excluding capital appreciation.

The exhibition coincided with the announcement by Jardine Matheson and Company, the largest foreign-owned trading house in Hongkong, that they intended to transfer their headquarters to Bermuda. Willie Tuckett, a partner of Farrar Stead and Glyn, said: "The announcement stuck a severe blow against local business confidence and noticeably improved sentiment for property investment outside Hongkong."

Another exhibitor, Hampton and Sons, reported "great interest" in UK property. Linda Beaney, Hampton's partner of London town flats department, said: "Many of the people we talked to were interested in buying property in London, letting it for five years, then moving over here permanently", she said. Hamptons came away from the exhibition with firm offers for two properties in Highgate, so they have paid for the cost of going to Hongkong already, and there is more business to come.

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## BIRTHS

**ARMSTRONG** – On April 24th, at Torbay Hospital, to Linda and John – a son (Thomas Dillworth), a brother for Rebecca.

**BACON.** – On April 23rd to Susie and Nico at the Lindo wing, a son.

**BARLING.** – On April 20 at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Myriam (née Ponsford) and Gerald Barling – a daughter (Sophie Elizabeth).

**BOGH-HENRIKSSEN.** – On April 15th, to Caroline (née Riddick) and Michael, a daughter, Sarah, a sister for Kira.

**COOPER.** – On 18th April at Somerleigh Court, Dorchester, to Teresa (née Bamford) and Jeremy – a son (Richard Gregory Christopher), a ...

## DEATHS

**RAWLINSON** on Good Friday, April 20th 1984, peacefully in Sussex in his 90th year, Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Richard Rawlinson, OBE, author and dramatist, beloved husband for sixty seven years of Alisa, Margaret Harrington Grayson, father of Michael (killed in action, R.A.F. 1940) and Peter. Grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral and Requiem Mass 12 noon, Saturday, April 28th at St Edwards Church, Sutton Park, Guildford. Flowers to St Edwards Church. Requiescat in Pace.

**RITTER.** – On April 21st, Sheila MacDonald Ritter quietly at Hove after long illness.

**ROBINSON** (ne Nickson). – On Good Friday very peacefully in her 102nd year, Kate Millicent at St Joseph's, St Georges Retreat, Burgess Hill, Sussex, widow of Arthur Francis, a much loved aunt of both families. Service at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Thursday 26th April at 3.30pm

**SEAVER.** – O April 22nd, 1984, at home, Pembroke Cottage, Victoria Road, Fleet, Hants, Colonel S. D. W. (Pat) Seaver, DSO, aged 70. Beloved husband of Mona, devoted father of James and Caroline and dear step-father of Angela and Penny. Service of thanksgiving at All Saints Church, Fleet on Friday 27th at 3.00pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers to Goddard, Kent Road, Fleet or is desired donations to Royal Tank Regiment Benevolent Fund, RAC Centre, Bovingdon Camp, Wareham, Dorset

**SIMON.** – On 20th April 1984, peacefully, at home, Harry Arthur, aged 98, deeply mourned by his wife Marga, his son George and his daughter-in-law Harriet. Funeral service Putney Vale Crematorium, Monday, 30th April 1984, 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only

**SINCLAIR,** Robert Malcolm of Parwich, Derbyshire on 20th April 1984 after a short illness aged 76 years. Funeral at Markeaton Crematorium, Derby on Friday 27th April, 3.45 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o A Slater and Sons, Funeral Directors, Mayfield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2LE.

**STEWARD.** – On April 20th quietly after 18 months of suffering from P.S.S. Dorothy M. (nee Turner) caring wife of Ted and loving mother of Hilary and Martin. Funeral sevice at St John's church, Stanmore on Friday, April 27th at 2.15pm. Cremation private. Flowers to James Crook Ltd, 53 Bridge Rd, Wembley Park by 12 noon

**STREET** – On Good Friday, suddenly whilst walking in the Lake District, Professor Harry Street, C.B.E., F.B.A., dearly loved husband of Karen, Robert and John, dear father-in-law of Janet and devoted grandfather of Anna and Mathew. Funeral service on Thursday, April 26th, 1984, at Stockport Crematorium at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Keswick Mountain Rescue Team, c/o The Treasurer, Mr David Hume, The Horse and Farrier, Threlkeld, nr Keswick. All enquiries to Albert R. Slack (Funeral Director) Ltd. Tel Wilmslow (0625) 525065.

**WAGNER PETER JOSPEH.** – Formerly of Toat Farm, peacefully on Friday, April 13. The funeral has taken place

**WHEELER.** – On 19th April, peacefully, at home, William Wheeler, aged 89 years. Dearly loved husband of Margaret, devoted father of John and loving grandfather of Fergus and Rory. Funeral at St Michael's Church, South Grove, Highgate Village, N6, at 3 p.m. on Friday, 27th April, followed by cremation at St Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, N.2. Flowers may be sent to Leverton and Sons Ltd., 212 Eversholt St., N.W.1

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**9.00** Battle of the Planets. Animated science fiction adventures. 9.20 Look Back with Noakes travelling from Lamlash to Inverness (r). 9.50 Cartoon: Mighty Mouse in Love's Labour Won (r). 10.00 Why Don't You . . ? Entertaining ideas for bored youngsters. 10.25 Ivor the Engine (r).

**10.30** Play School, presented by Iain Lauchlan (r). 10.55 Gharbar. Magazine programme for Asian women. Today's edition includes a discussion between working women on the problems of coping with a growing family, elderly parents or young children. 11.20 Ceefax.

**12.30** News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Sandi Marshall. The weather details come from Bill Giles. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes recipes from Michael Smith and a song from Al Martino. 1.45 Gran (r). 1.50 Stop-Go! (r).

**2.00** Animal Magic in Hong Kong. (r). 2.25 Film: An Elephant Called Slowly (1969) starring Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers. Humorous encounters with a trio of elephants in Kenya. Directed by James Hill. 3.53 Regional news (not London).

**3.55** Play School, presented by Chloe Ashcroft. 4.20 The Perils of Penelope Pitstop (r). 4.40 Rentaghost. The last in the series (r). 5.05 John Craven's Newsround.

**5.10** Break Point. Episode four of the six-part drama about young tennis players (r).

**5.40** Sixty Minutes includes news from Moira Stuart at 5.40; weather at 5.54; regional magazines at 5.55; and news headlines at 6.38.

**6.40** Young Musician of the Year 1984. Humphrey Burton presents the five finalists in the Wind section of the competition.

**7.15** Film: Uptown Saturday Night (1974) starring Sidney Poitier, Bill Cosby, Harry Belafonte and Richard Pryor. Lighthearted romp about two gamblers who are robbed of a winning lottery ticket and their efforts to retrieve it from an organised crime gang. Directed by Sidney Poitier. (First showing on British television).

**9.00** A Party Political Broadcast by David Steel on behalf of the Liberal Party.

**9.05** News with Nicholas Witchell.

**9.30** Q.E.D. The War of Words Down Under. Anthony Clare presents a programme about a splinter group in Australia determined to bring about the abolition of tobacco advertising.

**10.00** Sportsnight introduced by Harry Carpenter. Highlights from European competition football matches involving British clubs; action from the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship; and Christopher Martin-Jenkins recalls cricketing milestones through the eyes of master statistician, Bill Frindall.

**12.00** News headlines and weather.

## TV-am

**6.25** Good Morning Britain presented by John Stapleton and Nick Owen. News from Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.35; exercises at 6.50 and 8.55; the day's anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.05; a guest in the Spotlight at 7.20; cartoon at 7.25; guest of the day, Lynn Seymour at 7.40 and 8.10; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.35.

**9.00** Roland Goes East.

## ITV/LONDON

**9.25** Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street where learning is made fun by the Muppets and their human guests. 10.25 Film: You're Darn Tootin'* (1928) starring Laurel and Hardy. They play musicians who, having lost their jobs in the park band, take to busking. Directed by Edgar Kennedy. 10.50 The New South–America. Author James Michenor examines the Southern United States. 11.40 Sport Billy. (r).

**12.00** Atarah's Music. Making a drum noise with a wooden spoon and a saucepan. 12.10 Sounds Like a Story. Mark Wynter with the traditional tale of The Tortoise and the Hare (r). 12.30 The Sullivans.

**1.00** News 1.20 Thames news 1.30 A Plus. Dilys Powell, the Sunday Times film critic for 45 years, talks to Mavis Nicholson about her love of the cinema and chooses five films that mean more to her than any others.

**2.00** Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Scottish highland estate of Glendarroch. 2.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in the Australian outback. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian-made soap opera.

**4.00** Atarah's Music. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Aubrey. Cartoon adventures of an eccentric inventor (r). 4.20 Letty. Serial set in a children's home. 4.50 Razzmatazz. Pop music and interviews. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm.

**5.45** News. 6.00 Thames news.

**6.25** Help! Viv Taylor Gee talks to Pauline Stewart about the Perivale Miscarriage Support Group.

**6.35** Crossroads. Paul Ross's actions upset Lisa Walters.

**7.00** The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady. Episode nine: September. Pippa Guard stars as Edith Holden.

**7.30** Coronation Street. The television detector van pays the Street a visit and somebody is nabbed for not having a licence. Who can it be?

**8.00** The Benny Hill Show. Comedy sketches filled with double entendres.

**9.00** Mr Palfrey of Westminster. Part two of the spy thriller starring Alec McCowen as a Special Intelligence Service investigator.

**10.00** A Party Political Broadcast by David Steel on behalf of the Liberal Party.

**10.05** News.

**10.35** Midweek Sports Special presented by Brian Moore. Highlights from boxing bouts on tonight's bill at the Alexandra Pavilion; skating from Nottingham featuring Torvill and Dean; and football – news of tonight's European matches involving British clubs.

**11.35** The Sands of Silence: A War Game That Went Tragically Wrong (see Choice).

**12.05** Darkroom: A Quiet Funeral. Counterfeiter Charlie Provo is left for dead when he is forced into a lake.

**12.25** Night Thoughts.

Maurice Denham and Rudolph Walker (BBC 2, 9.30 pm).

## CHOICE

● THE SANDS OF SILENCE deserved a better time-slot than the one it has got (ITV, 11.35pm). And more screen time (28 minutes). It is an astounding, horrifying and highly complex tale of incompetence that it tells, and it seems inconceivable that it has taken one of our smaller independent television companies, TSW, catering for viewers in the south-west of England, to tell it for the first time. For the first time on television, that is. The facts have already surfaced in Leslie Thomas's book *The Magic Army*, and it is right and proper that Mr Thomas turns up in TSW's film, carrying a copy of his book. What *The Sands of Silence* does so well, even in its miniaturised state, is to reconstruct, with interviews and archive material, the events of 1944 when 750 United States servicemen taking part in a D-Day rehearsal off the south Devon coast, needlessly lost their lives, victims of German E-boats that sank two troop landing ships that were minimally escorted – the result of a breakdown in naval intelligence communications. The disaster was officially hushed-up, ostensibly to protect morale on the eve of the Normandy landings. TSW's modestly-made documentary is, clearly, only the first salvo in what will be ferociously fought television debate involving some very big guns indeed.

● THE HOPE AND THE GLORY (BBC 2, 9.30pm), Caryl Phillips's play about the bridging of the islands of loneliness that make up the geography of some people's lives, is perfectly acceptable drama so long as it hugs that particular shoreline. It is when it pushes its nose out into the choppy seas of racial intolerance that the plot starts to take in water and acquire a list. Like Barrie Keefe's play *King*, screened on BBC 1 a couple of weeks ago, it has a central character who is a West Indian railway worker (Rudolph Walker), living in Britain. Otherwise, the two plays have little in common. Mr Keefe's extrovert, smugly-satisfied hero was ultimately shaken by social evils that he had studiously chosen to ignore. Mr Phillips's introverted hero is shattered by a social aberration that it seems he was naive enough not to have noticed. Maurice Denham plays the neighbour who innocently sets the charge.

**Peter Davalle**

## BBC 2

**9.00** Ceefax

**10.25** World Snooker Live coverage of the fifth day of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, beginning with the final ten frames of the match between the twelfth seed Doug Mountjoy and qualifier Mike Hallett. On the adjoining table John Virgo, the fourteenth seed meets Willie Thorne. At 2.30 David Vine presents Snooker Break, the item in which viewers' questions about the game are answered. The afternoon session begins at 3.00 with the game between Canada's Cliff Thorburn, the number three seed and Mario Morra and continues with the concluding frames of the match between Dennis Taylor, seeded 13, against Joe Johnson.

**5.35** News summary with subtitles.

**5.40** Film: The Treasure of Pancho Villa (1955) starring Rory Calhoun and Shelley Winters. Two men in the pay of the Mexican, Pancho Villa, execute a daring robbery on a train carrying a gold shipment. As they make their arduous and lengthy way back to Villa's headquarters their friendship and their commitment to Villa's ideals are taxed. With Gilbert Roland. Directed by George Sherman.

**7.15** Swallows and Amazons Forever! Part three of the four episode story based on Arthur Ransom's tale, The Big Six. A quantity of stolen property is found on the Death and Glory boys's boat. It then becomes a race against time to uncover the real miscreants.

**7.40** World Snooker. David Vine introduces live coverage of the game between the number four seed Tony Knowles and John Parrott.

**8.30** Top Gear. The last programme of the present series features an exclusive look at Austin Rover's new design centre at Canley, Coventry. Frank Page and Sue Baker test drive the department's latest babies – the Montego range.

**9.00** Entertainment USA. The first of a new series, presented by Jonathan King, which takes a look at the latest happenings on the United States's entertainment scene.

**9.30** Play: The Hope and the Glory, by Caryl Phillips. Maurice Denham and Rudolph Walker star in this story about the friendship between a West Indian and an old Londoner (see Choice).

**10.30** A Party Political Broadcast by David Steel on behalf of the Liberal Party.

**10.35** Newsnight

**11.20** The Twilight Zone: The Chaser. Lovelorn Roger's dream girl becomes a nightmare when she takes the mysterious potion he gives her. Starring George Gizzard and Patricia Barry. Ends at 11.50.

## CHANNEL 4

**2.15** Racing from Epsom. Brough Scott introduces four races from the Surrey course – the Cuddington Maiden Auction Stakes (2.00) (a recording); the Princess Elizabeth Stakes (2.30); the Warren Stakes (3.05); and the Daily Mirror Apprentice Championship Handicap Stakes (3.35).

**3.45** Film: Curtain Up* (1952) starring Robert Morley and Margaret Rutherford. Delightful comedy about the boss of a provincial repertory company at odds with a playwright whose work is being rehearsed. Directed by Ralph Smart

**5.15** Countdown. Another edition of the fast-moving anagrams and mental arithmetic competition.

**5.45** Passage to Britain. Part two of the 12 programme series examining the history of immigration to Britain deals with The Jews – The Kosher British. The Jews first arrived in Britain in about 1066 and almost immediately became the victims of religious intolerance. They were massacred in York in 1190 and expelled from the country a century later. They were invited back by Oliver Cromwell in 1655 and today it is estimated that there are about 354,000 living in this country. Is there still prejudice against them? Among those answering that question is Colin Holmes, reader in History at the University of Sheffield and author of Anti-Semitism in Great Britain.

**6.15** Daley Thompson's Bodyshop. The first of a new series of six programmes in which the distinguished decathlon champion talks to celebrities about their own fitness schedules and offers tips and advice to viewers. Today's guest is singer and actor Roger Daltrey and he discusses with Daley Thompson the problems and benefits of serious weight training.

**6.45** Hey Good Looking. Janet Street-Porter examines the evolution of cigarette advertising.

**7.00** Channel Four News.

**7.50** Comment from a Labour MP.

**8.00** Brookside. Paul's career propects brighten when he meets his ex-boss for a round of golf.

**8.30** Play: Outside Edge, by Richard Harris. Hilarious comedy about the captain of a club cricket team, his wife and members of his team. Starring Paul Eddington, Prunella Scales and Maureen Lipman.

**10.15** Arlott in Conversation with Mike Brearley. The first of a new series of four programmes about the life and career of John Arlott.

**11.15** Look Forward. A preview of the channel's Spring offerings.

**11.30** Perfect Lives: The television opera continues.

**11.55** Ian Breakwell's Continuous Diary.

**12.05** Closedown.

## Radio 4

**6.00** News briefing; Weather.
**6.10** Farming today. 6.25 Shipping.
**6.30** Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Prayer. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
**8.43** Three stories by D. H. Lawrence (3) You Touched Me. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
**9.00** News.
**9.05** Midweek: Libby Purves with studio guests.†
**10.00** News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Leicestershire.
**10.30** Morning Story: "A Queer Heart" by Elizabeth Bowen, read by Peggy Ann Wood.
**10.45** Daily Service.†
**11.00** News; Travel; A Very Private View. The story of the painter, Gwen John, narrated by John Darran (r).
**11.48** Through My Window. Mike Jenner considers the view from his window.
**12.00** News; Conversation Piece. Sue MacGregor talks to Mario Borrelli about his life among the deprived people of Naples (r).
**12.27** Curlew in Autumn by Edward Boyd (3). David Ashton stars in this thriller (r). 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
**1.00** The World At One: News.
**1.40** The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
**2.00** News: Elgar by Jerrold Northrop Moore. A portrait in words and music of the great English composer who died 50 years ago. Julian Glover plays Edward Elgar. First of three programmes.†
**3.00** News; Afternoon Theatre "Time After Time" by Gerry Jones. With John Pullen, Sarah Badel and Nigel Anthony. the story of two men, strangers to one another, who find themselves caught up in an increasingly vicious circle, unable to escape from the hotel at which they are staying (r).
**3.47** I got up out of my seat. One person's account of what happened at a Billy Graham rally.
**4.00** News; Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo. A performance of this vastly entertaining musical work for children's voices. Two thousand Solihull schoolchildren took part in the production which is introduced by david Bellamy. Marjorie Lofthouse goes behind the scenes.
**4.40** Story Time: The Story of Mr J. G. Reeder. Stories by Edgar Wallace "The Investors" (2).
**5.00** PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5 55 Weather; Programme News.
**6.00** The Six O'Clock News: Financial Report.
**6.30** My Music. A Musical panel game, chaired by Steve Race.†
**7.00** News.
**7.05** The Archers.
**7.20** How to be . . . an Academic. Patrick Hannan gives some career advice.
**7.45** Fat Man on a Roman Road – The Castle and the Club: Durham to Newcastle. The cyclist is Tom Vernon (r).
**8.15** John Stewart Collis, the novelist and critic, in conversation with Richard Ingrams.
**8.45** Forty-Three Years. The case of Rudolph Hess, a prisoner in Spandau Prison, Nuremberg, whom the Western powers have been struggling to release for the past 20 years. The investigator in this BBC Wales production is Vincent Kane. Hess's war crimes guilt, and his wartime flight to Britain, are subjected to new analysis.
**9.45** Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes comment on Animal Farm at the Cottesloe Theatre, London, on Lynn Seymour's autobiography, and on the Hungarian State Puppet Theatre at Sadler's Well's Theatre.
**10.15** A Book at Bedtime: "Naples 44" by Norman Lewis. Read by John Rowe.
**10.30** The World Tonight; Headlines.
**11.15** The Financial World Tonight.
**11.30** Today in Parliament.
**12.00** News.
**12.10** Weather.
**12.15** Shipping Forecast.
ENGLAND: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30 Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Caribbean Links.†

## Radio 3

**6.55** Weather. 7.00 News.
**7.05** Your Midweek Choice: Boieldieu's overture La Dame Blanche; Mozart's aria Ah! Lo previdi (Lucia Popp); Britten's Violin Concerto Op 15 (Haendel/Bournemouth SO).† 8.00 News.
**8.05** Midweek Choice: part two. Schumann's Introduction and Allegro Appassionato, Op 92; Respighi's Three Botticelli Pictures; and Glazunov's Concerto in E flat for Saxophone and Strings (Eugene Roussea, soloist).† 9.00 News.
**9.05** This Week's Composer: Mendelssohn. String Quartet Op 44 No 2 (the Bartholdy Quartet) Piano Concerto No 2 (Schiff/Bavarian Radio Orchestra) and Warum toben die Heiden Op 78 No 1.†
**10.00** Corelli and Tippett: BBC SO, Eli Goren (violin), Bela Dekany (violin) and John Boyce (cello). Corelli's Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 2, and Tippett's Fantasia on theme of Corelli.†
**10.35** Recorder and Guitar: recital by John Turner (recorder) and Neil smith. works by Dowland (arr Van Eyck), arr Nicholas Marshall, and John Golland (New World Dances etc).†
**11.05** Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: Shostakovich's Symphony No 6.†
**12.15** Concert Hall: recital by John Harle (saxaphone) and John Lenehan (piano). Ned Rorem's Picnic on the Marne, attrb Back arr Harle Sonata in G minor, and David Heath's Rumania.† 1.00 News.
**1.05** Off the Beaten Track: another of Miles Kington's selections. Today's theme: Technical tricks.
**1.30** Matinee Musicale: Ulster Orchestra play Weber's overture Oberon; Larchet's Dirge of Ossian and Macananty's Reel; Cui's Suite in modo populari; Glinka's Valse fantaisie, and Alan Langford's Three Amusements.†
**2.30** Daniel Adni: piano recital. Schubert's Four Impromptus D 899, and Chopin's Fantaisie-Impromptu Op 66.†
**3.10** Dvorak: the LSO play the Symphony No 6.†
**4.00** Choral Evensong: live from St Alban's Church, Holborn, London.†4.55 News.
**5.00** Mainly for Pleasure: another Jeremy Siepmann selection.†
**6.30** Debut: violin and piano recital by Kazuki Sawa and Gordon Back. Ysaye's Sonata Op 27 No 3; and Chausson's Poeme, Op 25.†
**7.00** The Message in the Molecules: Professor Colin Blakemore in conversation with Dr Derek Le Roith of the University of Cincinnati. Dr Roith and his university colleagues have recently discovered that some of the simplest single-celled creatures contain the same chemical messengers – hormones – that play such an important part in making us human. Roith discusses the implications of his findings for our understanding of the evolution, and behaviour. of human beings.
**7.30** Delius, Brahms and Elgar: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra under Groves. Liverpool Philharmonic Choir, and Mayumi Fujikawa (violin). Part one. Delius's Prelude to Irmelin; and Brahms's Violin Concerto.†
**8.20** Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts monitored by the BBC.
**8.40** Concert: part two. Elgar's Choral Symphony: The Black Knight.†
**9.35** Camerarities: Michael Hordern reads Mr Gladstone's Mot, by Colin McLaren (r).
**9.45** Early Music Network: recital by Nigel Rogers (tenor) and Richard Burnett (fortepiano). Works by C P E Bach, Haydn, Beethoven (Adelaide), Johann Rudolf Zumsteeg, Johann Friedrich Reichardt, Carl Friedrich Zelter (Rastlose Liebe), Jan Hugo Vorisek, and Schubert (An Mignon: Der Musensohn).†
**10.35** Harnasie: Polish Radio SO, Cracow, with Andrzej Bachleda (tenor), in music from Szymanowski's ballet pantomime, inspired by the folk music of the high Tatras.
**11.15** News. Until 11.18.
VHF only: Open University. 6.35am-6.55 Open Forum.

## Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00pm). Major bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headlines: 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 (mf/mw). 4.00am Bill Rennells†. 5.30 Colin Berry†. 7.30 Terry Wogan† including 8.31 Racing bulletin. 10.00 Russell Harty†. 12.00pm Steve Jones† including 1.05 Sport. 2.00 Gloria Hunniford† including 2.02; 3.02 Sport. 3.30 Music All The Way†. 4.00 David Hamilton† including 4.02; 5.05 Sport. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.02 Sport; 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 8.00 European Soccer Special: Commentary on one of tonight's European semit-final Second leg matches involving British clubs. 9.40 Syd Lawrence in Concert from the Playhouse Theatre, Manchester† (vhf and mf) 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Golden Years with Alan Keith. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Charles Nove presents Nightride†. 3.00 Olympic Memories. Ian Wooldridge recalls the 1980 Moscow Olympics†. 3.30-4.00 Maryetta and Vernon Midgley.

## Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and then 12.00 midnight (mf/mw).
6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies. Including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel†. VHF radios 1 and 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 8.00pm Space Force. 4: The Time Ship†. 8.25 BBC Radio Orchestra†. 9.15 Syd Lawrence in Concert from the Playhouse Theatre, Manchester†. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 With Radio 2.

## WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Omnibus. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 That's Trad. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Peebles' Choice. 8.30 I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 These Musical Islands. 10.15 Patrick Martyn's Music Box. 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 World Service Short Story 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Inspiration 1.45 Holst and His Circle. 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 Middlemarch. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Counterpoint. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Assignment. 9.00 London Royal. 9.15 International Soccer Special 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 The Future of Work. 11.30 Top Twenty 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12:15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Waveguide. 12.40 Book Choice. 12.45 I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again. 1.15 Outlook 1.45 Monitor. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 London Royal. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today 3.30 These Musical Islands 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today

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† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

**BBC 1** Wales: 12.57 pm-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 5.55 Wales Today. 12.00 News and weather. Scotland: 12.55 pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 5.55 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 10.00-12.00 European Sportscene: Football: Highlights from one of tonight's European semi-final second leg matches involving a Scottish club. Snooker: The Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship from Sheffield. 12.00 New and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57 pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.55 Scene Around Six: 12.00 News and weather. England: 5.55 pm Regional news magazines. 12.05 am Close.

**S4C** Starts 2.00pm Ffalabalam. 2.15 Racing from Epsom. 3.45 Kill or Cure. 4.30 Countdown. 5.00 Pictiwrs Bach. 5.05 Smyrffs 5.35 Munsters. 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Wayne and Shuster. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Bara Brith. 8.00 Bu Cymol Morgan Yma. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.00 Film: Divorce Wars. Divorce lawyer's domestic troubles. 10.45 Jesus, the Evidence. 11.40 Al Paradise. 12.35am Closedown.

**YORKSHIRE** As London except: 10.25am In the Arms of the Octopus. 10.55 European Folk Tales. 11.05 Story Hour. 11.55-12.00 Melotoons. 12.30pm-1.00 Judi. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Protectors. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.05am Closedown.

## REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

**CENTRAL** As London except: 9.25am 3-2-1 Contact. 9.55 Road to Los Angeles. 10.40-12.00 Hal Roach triple bill.* 12.30pm-1.30 Judi. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Miracles take longer. 2.30-3.30 Devlin connection. 5.15-5.45 Mysteries, Myths and Legends. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.05am Closedown.

**TVS** As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Farming Brief. 10.25 Black Beauty. 11.20 Orphans of the Wild. 11.45-12.00 Little Rascals.* 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Benson. 2.30 Vintage quiz. 3.00-3.30 At Ease. 5.15-5.45 Silver spoons. 6.00-6.35 Coast to coast. 12.05am Portrait of a legend. 12.35 Company, Closedown.

**BORDER** As London except: 10.25am Target the Impossible. 10.50 Prairie Habitat. 11.05 BMX World Championships. 11.55-12.00 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.05am News, Closedown.

**GRAMPIAN** As London except: 10.25am Laurel and Hardy*. 10.50 Poseidon Files. 11.45-12.00 Cartoon. 12.30pm-1.00 Judi. 1.20 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 12.05am Jazz. 12.35 News, Closedown.

**ULSTER** As London except: 10.25 Adventure of Gulliver. 10.50 Cartoon. 11.05-12.00 James Galway. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Once upon a Time . . . . Man. 5.15-5.45 Definition. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 12.05am Closedown.

**TSW** As London except: 10.25am Joe 90. 10.50 Story Hour. 11.35-12.00 Wheelie and the Chopper Bunch. 12.30pm-1.00 Judi. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Just Our Luck. 12.05am Postscript, Closedown.

**GRANADA** As London except: 9.25am Atom Ant. 9.30 Poseidon Files. 10.25 Groovy Ghoulies. 10.45 Tarzan. 11.35-12.00 Little Rascals* 12.30pm-1.00 Judi. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30-2.00 Exchange Flags. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.05am Portrait of a Legend. 12.35 Closedown.

**ANGLIA** As London except: 10.25am Film: Return of Frank James (Henry Fonda). 11.50-12.00 Wattoo, Wattoo. 12.30pm-1.00 Judi. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.05am Portrait of a Legend. 12.35 Hymn for Easter. Closedown.

**SCOTTISH** As London except: 10.25am Harlem Globetrotters. 10.50 Joe 90. 11.15 Flora and Fauna. 11.30-12.00 Natural environment. 12.30pm-1.00 Judi. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Sons and daughters. 3.30-4.00 Adventurer. 5.10 Action line. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland today. 6.30-7.00 Report. 12.05am Late Call, Closedown.

**TYNE TEES** As London except: 10.25am Cartoon. 10.35-12.00 Around the World with Benny and Lenny. 1.20pm Cartoon. 1.25-130 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 5.15-5.45 Best of Three. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.05am Experience of Easter, Closedown.

**CHANNEL** As London except: Starts 12.00-12.10pm Atarah's Music. 12.30-1.00 Judi. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Joe 90. 6.00-6.35 Channel Report. 12.05am Closedown.

**HTV WEST** 10.25am Little Rascals* 10.40 Poseidon Files. 11.30-12.00 Amazing years of Cinema. 12.30pm-1.00 Judi. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30 Return of the Saint. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.05am Closedown.

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.



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# Concern in Israel grows over fate of bus hijackers

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Concern is growing in Israel that one of the four Arabs who hijacked a civilian bus earlier this month may have been captured alive and killed afterwards by one or more members of the security forces. The fears have arisen despite some of the most rigorous military censorship in recent years.

Military sources have over the past 48 hours no longer been prepared to rule out the chance categorically, as they did at the start of the affair, that the fourth hijacker, Mr Majdi Abu Jumaa, aged 18, did not die of wounds he received when the bus was stormed.

The mystery surrounding the fate of the two hijackers who did not die on the bus has grown with the disclosure that Mr Moshe Arens, the Defence Minister, told an Israeli freelance radio journalist working for the BBC in an interview 90 minutes after the rescue bid that only two of the terrorists had been killed.

The interview was secured on the spot in the occupied Gaza Strip by Mr Jerry Cheslow, and was re-played to *The Times* yesterday. In it the minister's voice can be heard clearly replying: "Two terrorists have been killed." The answer is in a part of the interview banned by the military censor, who refuses to discuss the reason for the ban.

Yesterday the *Jerusalem Post* published a toughly-worded leading article listing three unanswered questions about the affair which is expected to gather momentum as politicians return to the pre-election fray after the week-long Passover holiday.

The paper, like much of the Israeli press, has apparently been barred from printing its own version of events. It is having to rely instead on repeating foreign accounts. It argued: "The insistent reports that one of the Arab terrorists who hijacked the bus bound for Ashkelon was captured alive and then killed can no longer be ignored."

The paper cited the main evidence behind the speculation, a photograph taken by an Israeli photographer of an Arab, apparently alive and well, being led from the bus by two Israeli security men. The Arab was later identified by neighbours and relatives as one of the four dead hijackers. The photograph has been censored.

The paper said: "If indeed a terrorist was killed after capture, this could only be upon orders or in defiance of orders. If upon orders, the public must be concerned, for that is how the rule of law in a society begins to erode. If in defiance of orders, then the Army must be concerned, for that is how discipline begins to erode. In either case, the public has a right and a need to know the truth."

# Scargill spurns pit offer

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negotiate about pit closures or reductions in manpower.

The coal board floated the idea of an extension of the one-year time limit for colliery shutdowns, but Mr MacGregor made plain to the management unions that the overall target of 20,000 job reductions and closure of four million tonnes of capacity must stand.

The board is pinning considerable hopes on the fact that miners in moderate areas are still reluctant to follow the strike call issued by a union delegate conference last week.

All seven pits open after the Easter holidays in Nottinghamshire yesterday were producing coal, though there was heavy picketing at two – Clipstone and Sherwood – and four arrests were made. In all, 14 pits were working, the remainder in Leicestershire, North Wales, and Cumberland.

After the less-than-lukewarm response to the strike call in traditionally moderate areas, NUM national officials will renew their efforts to spread the strike into Nottinghamshire.

In advertisements placed in newspapers circulating in the coal fields, the coal board sought yesterday to put its side of the story.

"In 12 months' time the industry's output and demand will be in balance. We shall then attack the market to increase sales. Our objective will be a minimum capacity of 100 million tonnes a year!".

In 1983-84 the number of jobs was cut by 20,000 without anyone who wanted to stay in the industry having to leave it, and those who chose to go received the most generous compensation terms ever offered to industrial workers in *this country, the board argued.*

Miner stopped, page 2

# Taking the plunge on a Hawaii holiday



Two in the shallows: The Reagans emerging after a midday swim in the surf.

One in the swim: The President making a splash as he cuts through the water during his Honolulu break.

## Double blow for Zola Budd's Olympic goal

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**sent a message to Mr John Davies, director of the Sports Centre, urging him to put "pressure" on the Southern Counties Athletics Association, which is organizing the meeting.**

**Both the Sports Council an Southern Counties refused to budge. The Council said: "We control Crystal Palace but the organizers hire it from us and we do not interfere in any way." Mr Leonard Smith, secretary of the Southern Counties, said: "If Miss Budd wants to withdraw that is her choice, but she is not being asked to withdraw and I am not expecting her to withdraw."**

**Miss Budd, could apparently appease the GLC by proclaiming her hostility to apartheid, however.**

Palace Preview, page 25

## China trip to make the world safer

From Christopher Thomas Washington

**President Reagan left his sea-front hotel in Hawaii yesterday for Guam, his last stop before Peking. He said the United States would work with its friends, including China, to "make the world safer by working for peace and jointly opposing expansionist aggression".**

**The visit symbolizes the maturing of America's relationship with China.**

**There are indications that President Reagan will sign an agreement in Peking on commercial nuclear cooperation between the nations, clearing the way for American businesses to sell nuclear power equipment to China.**

**It would be the strongest sign of the rapidly improving relationship in the past two years after a period of coolness.**

## Letter from Warsaw

# Poland's Marlowe takes on M16

Philip Marlowe RIP – Raymond Chandler's hero no longer holds a monopoly in seedy, crumpled detectives, the sort that blow their noses without handkerchiefs and light cigarettes on the stubble of their jaws.

Poland has discovered Captain Stanislaw Przedborski of the Warsaw Homicide Squad. A lumbering man who moves only slightly quicker than his furniture – until he scents a murder. Then he runs helter – skelter through post-Solidarity, post-martial law Poland, uncovering Western intelligence plots and black market operations with vim and vigour.

Heroes of thrillers in communist countries usually fall into one of two categories. Either they are clean-cut James Bondski's protecting the Soviet block from imperialist conspiracies, wrestling with agents, throwing themselves out of speedboats and doing their best to avoid the reality of queuing for meat; or they are pleasant Maigret figures, gentle militia officers who would rather help an old lady across the street than tear out fingernails.

Captain Przedborski, hero of Roman Jaworski's book *The Last Hypothesis*, breaks the mould. He is a big man in creased suits who does not like to wear ties but, when he does, lets them hang loose like the lead of a runaway dog. He drinks mineral water (sorry Marlowe) but is otherwise disreputable. He gives his girlfriend, a beautiful police laboratory assistant, an illegitimate child and most evenings he comes home after ten o'clock, worn out and unromantic.

The plot of the book (first edition 150,000 – best seller dimensions) is one of the first to be set against the crisis in Poland. Nato intelligence – perhaps British, perhaps West German – has been humiliated by its inability to predict the downfall of the Shah of Iran and by its forecasts, thwarted by the miraculous intervention of martial law, of an impending civil war in Poland. But the Western spies press on regardless (you know the tenacity of M16) and decide to penetrate the Polish food industry with the aim, in the words of our hero's boss, of "starving Poles to the point where they take to the streets and go for each others' throats."

Our hero is not interested in high politics, only in the mysterious murder of a deputy manager of an "administrative unit" in the plant-oil business. According to Poland's economic reform programme such bureaucratic units should no longer exist but exist they do with some managers apparently running active black market operations on the side. More than a thousand dollars are found in the home of the murdered man.

A second person is murdered, the secretary and mistress of the dead manager. The pressure is on our hero to find the murderer before Page 250 and so the author makes the Western spy extraordinarily stupid. The manager, for example, was shot in the lavatory of a motel where he was supposed to meet a black market contact – which narrows down the suspects.

Additional information reaches the militia to tip them off that spies are involved. And then, just when Captain Przedborski really needs assistance, the spy is mugged by two everyday criminals and the gun.

At last, by working out the web of black market contacts surrounding the two victims and who could have known about them, he tracks down the murderer. She is an old woman who once taught the manager French. Formerly a wartime Nazi collaborator in Silesia. She now has a brother living in West Germany and wants to emigrate there.

Western intelligence had paid her handsomely. The manager and his secretary had to be murdered because they knew too much. Tough business, espionage.

The political message of the book is as complex as the plot. The murdered manager is said to be an opponent of reform and at the same time a black marketeer. That seems a clear enough signal. Western intelligence, it is revealed, uses former Nazi collaborators and preys on socialist citizens' love of dollars as well as their contacts with the West.

As for Captain Przedborski, he gets married to his girl friend on the final page, doing the decent thing at last. On second thoughts: Come back, Marlowe. All is forgiven.

**Roger Boyes**

# THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

## Today's events

### Royal engagements

Princess Anne opens Taunton Deane Borough Council's development of flats for elderly people, Kilkenny Court, Taunton, Somerset, 3, and as President of the Save the Children Fund, visits the Wellington Library Exhibition, Wellington, Somerset, 4.45.

The Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, attends the Annual Investiture and Grand Festival at Freemason's Hall, WC2, 4.15.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron attends the Not Forgotten Association's Dedication Ceremony for their new ambulance coach, arriving Royal Mews entrance, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

### New exhibitions

Capricious Views: exhibition of townscapes; Royal Museum and Art Gallery, High St, Canterbury; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 closed Sun, (ends May 28).

The Colchester Earthquake Exhibition; Natural History Museum, Colchester; Mon to Sat 10 to 1 & 2 to 5 (closed Sun–ends September 8).

Screenprints by 10 London-based painters; IKON Gallery, 58-72 John Bright St, Birmingham; Tues to Sat 10 to 6 (closed Sun & Mon – ends May 5).

### Last chance to see

Lincolnshire Treasures: the curator's choice, an exhibition for the ETB's National Heritage Year, Usher Gallery, Lindum Road, Lincoln; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends today).

Landscape Photographs by Roger Palmer, Cambridge Darkroom, Dales Brewery, Gwydir Street, Cambridge; Tues to Sat 12 to 8 (ends today).

Cross Section; paintings from Galerie Poll, Berlin; also paintings and drawings by Chris Orr, two exhibitions at Artspace Galleries, 21 Castle Street, Aberdeen; Mon to Sat 10 to 8 (ends today).

A World of their own – Mr Punch and Other Puppets, the Cooper Gallery, Church Street, Barnsley; Wed to Sun 10 to 5.30 (ends today).

### Music

Concert by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Colston Hall, Colston Street, Bristol, 7.30.

Organ concert with Tony Pegler, Memorial Hall, Barkers Pool, Sheffield, 7.30.

Frederik W. Paine centenary concert by the City of London Symphonia, Tolworth Recreation Centre, Fullers Way, North Tolworth, Kingston upon Thames, 7.45.

### General

Antiques Fair, South of England Showground, Ardingly, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, 7.30 to 4.

Spring Show: work in all media by gallery artists, Colin Jellicoe Gallery, 82 Portland Street, Manchester; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 1 to 5 (until May 12).

Acrylics and watercolours by Brian Yale; also eighteenth and nineteenth century paintings D'Arcy Gallery, Proffitts Farm House, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, (until April 29).

Ludlow Society of Arts spring exhibition, Ludlow College Hall, Castle Square: Mon to Sun 10.39 to 6 (until April 29).

## The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,413

ACROSS

1 Channel without water, do we hear? (6).
5 No latecomers on this list (8).
9 Instrument makes fish run in front (6-4).
10 Cat seen in chains, say? (4).
11 Find trouble about uncommon type of radiation (5-3).
12 Ancient Shakespearian weapon (6).
13 March with brass instrument in retreat (4).
15 Family preference for some wine-pot is manifest (8).
18 Tree top, metal construction (8).
19 King of Spain quietly goes ahead to the quarry (4).
21 The flower of our schoolchildren (6).
23 Marriage, if caught – all that is put outside (8).
25 Away with a king of Mercia (4).
26 Its nice red strangely varying in hue (10).
27 Leg bound to be damaged by a heavy stick (8).
28 Swimmer has a sort of jet type of shirt (6).

DOWN

2 Rose's companion is an old character (5).
3 Tree-garden a right tedious experience to little Mary (9).
4 Gold they received from speculation (6).
5 Deputy Ivan got nothing, oddly, in public acclaim (8,7).
6 Browning's Evelyn accepts mince pies for help in the garden (8).
7 500 only raised in the island (5).
8 Sea-food cooked along with suet (9).
14 Giving Keats perpetual joy (9).
16 Stage performer is extremely noisy (3-6).
17 Request to turn over to the state bad food product (8).
20 One hiring Holmes was illustrious but anonymous (6).
22 Antelope is one right from the Emerald Isle (5).
24 Steer to leave this part of Africa (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,412

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## Best wines

In a bond tasting of 49 Chianti Classico wines, the following six were chosen as "excellent value for money": 1979 Pagliarese Riserva, £3.77, Wine Growers Association; 1979 Castello dei Rampolla, £2.90, Stapylton Fletcher; 1978 Castello Vicchiomaggio Riserva, £3.54, G. Belloni; 1978 Fattoria di Vistarenni, £3.10, Vendemmia Italiana; 1977 Villa Bianca Riserva, £2.78, C. Lega; 1975 Bertolli Riserva, £3.09, Oddbins.

Source: *What Wine?* May 1984

## Guide to mills

An updated guide to mills of all kinds has been published by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. The 200 mills, including windmills, are all open to the public. Some have shops selling flour ground on the premises and one grinds gunpowder. *Windmills and Watermills Open to View*, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, 37 Spital Square, London E.1; (£1.60 plus 25p postage).

## New books – hardback

A selection of interesting books published this week:
A Curious Life for a Lady: the story of Isabella Bird by Pat Barr (Secker & Warburg, £9.95)
Andalucia: a Portrait of Southern Spain by Nicholas Luard (Century, £9.95)
Britain and China, 1941-47: Imperial Momentum (Macmillan Press, £20)
Chivalry by Maurice Keen (Yale, £12.95)
One Writer's Beginnings by Eudora Welty (Harvard, £8.50)
The Abyss by Marguerite Yourcenar (Aidan Ellis, £8.95)
The Look of Buster Keaton by Robert Benayoun (Pavilion, £15)
The Penguin Wine Book by Pamela Vandyke Price (Allen Lane, £8.95)
The Pride and the Fall by Anthony Parsons (Cape, £8.95)
The Reading of Proust by David Ellison (Blackwell, £17.50)

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## Roads

**London and South-east:** Nearside northbound lane occupied in Regent Street at junction with Air Street. A113: Temporary lights, Chigwell Road, south of Greeen Lane. A12: Carriageway widths reduced east and westbound in Colchester Road, Harold Hill, Romford. Between Gallows Corner and Petersfield Road.

**Wales and West:** A38: Lane closures at Marsh Mills between Plymouth and Ivybridge, Devon. A404: Northbound carriageway closed on Cwmbran – M4 (junction 26), road diversion operates. A390: Temporary lights in Truro Road, St Austell, Cornwall; also improvment works at Grampound.

**Midlands and East Anglia:** A12: Contraflow at Bentley, on Ipswich to Colchester Road. A49: Single-lane traffic on Shrewsbury-Ludlow road at Marshbrook, Shropshire; temporary signals. A6: Contraflow on Derby-Leicester road at Hathern.

**North:** A1: Carriageway closures over the Lindisfarne interchange bridge, near Jarrow, where resurfacing work is taking place, Tyne and Wear. A68: Roadworks at Elishaw, 8 miles NE of Bellingham. A1: Temporary light at Brownyside, North of Alnwick, Northumberland.

**Scotland:** A8: Width restrictions in High Street, Saltmarket, Glasgow. A75: Bridge repairs and re-alignment of approaches to Buccleuch Street bridge, Dumfries; one lane only in each direction and turning restrictions to/from Whitesands. A737: Road reconstruction west of B789 junction (Johnstone); eastbound carriageway closed, diversion operates.

Information supplied by AA

## Parliament today

**Commons** (2.30): Debate on Opposition motion on transport.

**Lords** (2.30): Debate on Science and Technology committee report on digital mapping. Urban Parishes Bill, second reading. Debate on Afghanistan.

## Anniversaries

Births: Edward II reigned 1307-27, Caernarvon, 1284; Oliver Cromwell, Huntingdon, 1599; Sir Mark I sambard Brunel, engineer and inventor, Hacqueville, France, 1769; John Keble, Anglican priest, a leader of the Oxford Movement, Fairford, Gloucestershire, 1792; Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, (new style May 7), Votkinsk, Russia, 1840; Walter De La Mare, poet, Charlton, Kent, 1873; Guglielmo Marconi, Bologna, Italy, 1874; Wolfgang Pauli, physicist, Nobel laureate 1945, Vienna, 1900;

## The Papers

In an editorial headed "the Libyan Terror" the Washington Post said that President Reagan was right when early on he branded Colonel Gaddafi a pariah and started using his influence to thin out US ties with the Libyan regime. "Other nations, some of them mocking Mr Reagan for his 'overreaction', took up some of the slack. He was right and they were wrong," it commented.

The Sun quotes Arthur Scargill that the coal dispute has cost the nation £1,000m, including £850m due to lost production. "Mr Scargill speaks with apparent relish. What a strange fellow he must be" it comments. "Cannot he see that the loss is a tragedy and especially for the miners themselves? Those wasted millions could have helped ensure the future of the coal industry ... There is also one figure that Mr Scargill *did* not mention. The dispute has cost each miner over £1,000 in lost wages – and coal face workerds much more. Week after week each of them is paying the price for King Arthur – the pain in their paypackets."

The Daily Express says that Ian McGregor's willingness to consider extending his programme of redundancies and pit closures beyond the 12 months specified, poses several disquieting questions. "For instance, if he is retreating, should he? No one has made out a better case for his modernization programme than he has."

## The pound

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 1.61 | 1.53 |
| Austria Sch | 27.80 | 26.15 |
| Belgium Fr | 81.25 | 77.25 |
| Canada $ | 1.87 | 1.80 |
| Denmark Kr | 14.38 | 13.68 |
| Finland Mkk | 8.34 | 7.94 |
| France Fr | 11.95 | 11.45 |
| Germany DM | 3.89 | 3.71 |
| Greece Dr | 155.00 | 145.00 |
| Hongkong $ | 11.45 | 10.85 |
| Italy Lira | 2395.00 | 2295.00 |
| Japan Yen | 332.00 | 316.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 4.43 | 4.21 |
| Norway Kr | 11.30 | 10.70 |
| Portugal Esc | 196.50 | 186.50 |
| South Africa Rd | 2.01 | 1.87 |
| Spain Pta | 217.50 | 206.50 |
| Sweden Kr | 11.63 | 11.05 |
| Switzerland Fr | 3.23 | 3.06 |
| USA $ | 1.46 | 1.41 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 184.00 | 174.00 |
| Ireland | 1.27 | 1.21 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 345.1.

London: The *FT* Index closed 3.8 down at 876.2.

# Weather forecast

Pressure will remain high over the British Isles.

## 6 am to midnight

**London, central S, central N, E, W Midlands:** Dry, misty in places at first, sunny; wind E; max temp 19 to 21C (66 to 70F).

**SE, E England, East Anglia:** Dry, sunny: wind NE, moderate, occasionally fresh; max temp 17 to 19C (63 to 66F), cooler on coasts.

**Channel Islands, SW England:** Sunny, perhaps isolated shower later; wind E, moderate; max temp 18 to 20C (64 to 68F), cooler on coasts.

**S, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Northern Ireland:** Dry, sunny; wind E, moderate; max temp 19 to 21C (66 to 70F), cooler on coasts.

**Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll:** Dry, sunny: wind SE, light of moderate; max temp 18 to 20C (64 to 68F).

**NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee:** Dry, sunny; wind variable light; max temp 16 to 18C (61 to 64F).

**Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Dry, sunny; wind W or SW, light or moderate; max temp 15 to 17C (59 to 63F), cooler on coasts.

**Outlook for tomorrow and Friday:** Little overall change, but a little cooler on Friday.

**Sea passages:** North Sea: Wind easterly moderate or fresh; sea moderate. Straits of Dover: Wind easterly fresh or strong; sea rough. English Channel (E): Wind easterly fresh or strong, sea moderate or rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: light or moderate; sea slight.

Sun rises: 5.44 am — Sun sets: 8.14 pm

Moon rises: 4.27 am — Moon sets: 1.54 pm

New Moon: May 1.

## Lighting-up time

London 8.44 pm to 5.12 am
Bristol 8.54 pm to 5.22 am
Edinburgh 9.10 pm to 5.10 am
Manchester 8.58 pm to 5.15 am
Penzance 9.02 pm to 5.37 am

## Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

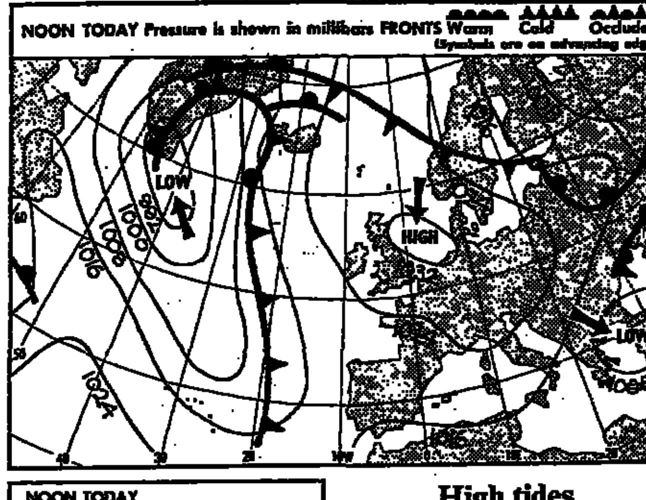
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | s | 18 | 64 | Guernsey | s | 11 | 52 |
| Birmingham | s | 15 | 59 | Inverness | s | 18 | 64 |
| Blackpool | s | 17 | 63 | Jersey | s | 16 | 61 |
| Bristol | s | 17 | 63 | London | s | 19 | 66 |
| Cardiff | s | 15 | 59 | Manchester | s | 18 | 64 |
| Edinburgh | s | 17 | 63 | Newcastle | s | 16 | 61 |
| Glasgow | s | 21 | 70 | Ronaldsway | s | 12 | 54 |

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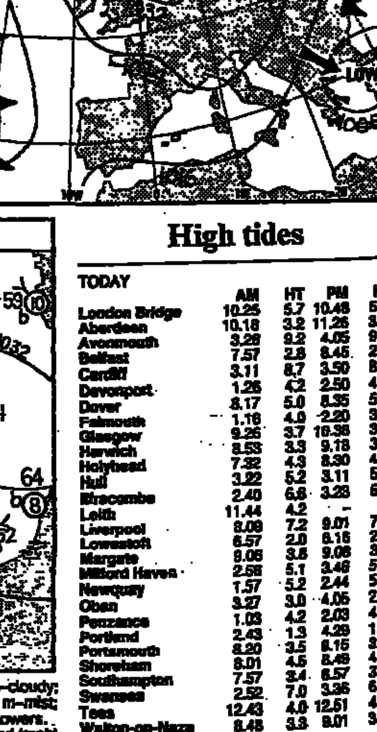
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 43 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 12.9hr. Bar, mean sea level: 6 pm, 1,028.8 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

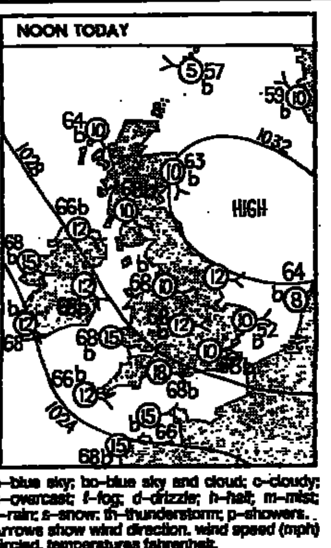
## Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Aviemore, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Nil; highest sunshine: Morecambe, 13.7 hr.











b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

## High tides

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 10.25 | 5.7 | 10.48 | 6.5 |
| Aberdeen | 10.18 | 3.2 | 11.26 | 3.3 |
| Avonmouth | 3.28 | 9.2 | 4.05 | 9.2 |
| Belfast | 7.57 | 2.8 | 8.45 | 2.8 |
| Cardiff | 3.11 | 8.7 | 3.50 | 8.7 |
| Devonport | 1.26 | 4.2 | 2.50 | 4.1 |
| Dover | 8.17 | 5.0 | 8.35 | 5.2 |
| Falmouth | 1.16 | 4.0 | 2.20 | 3.9 |
| Glasgow | 9.26 | 3.7 | 10.38 | 3.7 |
| Harwich | 8.53 | 3.3 | 9.18 | 3.3 |
| Holyhead | 7.32 | 4.3 | 8.30 | 4.3 |
| Hull | 3.22 | 6.2 | 3.11 | 6.5 |
| Ilfracombe | 2.40 | 6.8 | 3.28 | 6.5 |
| Leith | 11.44 | 4.2 | - | - |
| Liverpool | 8.09 | 7.2 | 9.01 | 7.2 |
| Lowestoft | 6.57 | 2.0 | 8.16 | 2.0 |
| Margate | 9.06 | 3.6 | 9.08 | 3.8 |
| Milford Haven | 2.58 | 5.1 | 3.46 | 5.0 |
| Newquay | 1.57 | 5.2 | 2.44 | 5.1 |
| Oban | 3.27 | 3.0 | 4.05 | 2.8 |
| Penzance | 1.03 | 4.2 | 2.03 | 4.1 |
| Portland | 2.43 | 1.3 | 4.29 | 1.2 |
| Portsmouth | 8.20 | 3.5 | 8.15 | 3.8 |
| Shoreham | 8.01 | 4.5 | 8.49 | 4.8 |
| Southampton | 7.57 | 3.4 | 8.57 | 3.6 |
| Swansea | 2.52 | 7.0 | 3.36 | 6.9 |
| Tees | 12.43 | 4.0 | 12.51 | 4.2 |
| Walton-on-Naze | 8.48 | 3.3 | 9.01 | 3.2 |

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

## Around Britain

| | Sun hr | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarboro | 13.0 | - | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Bridlington | 12.8 | - | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Cromer | 13.0 | - | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Lowestoft | 12.4 | - | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Clacton | 11.7 | - | 15 | 59 | sunny |
| Margate | 12.5 | - | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Folkestone | 12.6 | - | 18 | 64 | sunny |
| Hastings | 12.9 | - | 20 | 68 | sunny |
| Eastbourne | 11.1 | - | 17 | 63 | sunny |
| Brighton | - | - | 20 | 68 | sunny |
| Worthing | 12.4 | - | 22 | 72 | sunny |
| Littlehmptn | 12.7 | - | 22 | 72 | sunny |
| Bognor R | 12.9 | - | 21 | 70 | sunny |
| Southsea | 12.8 | - | 21 | 70 | sunny |
| Shanklin | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bournemth | 12.9 | - | 22 | 72 | sunny |
| Poole | 12.0 | - | 23 | 73 | sunny |
| Swanage | 12.6 | - | 15 | 59 | sunny |
| Weymouth | 12.2 | - | 20 | 68 | sunny |
| Exmouth | 12.3 | - | 20 | 68 | sunny |
| Torquay | 12.2 | - | 19 | 66 | sunny |
| Falmouth | - | - | - | - | - |
| Penzance | 11.7 | - | 18 | 64 | sunny |
| Jersey | 12.2 | - | 18 | 64 | sunny |

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Guernsey | 11.2 | - | 14 | 57 | sunny |
| Scilly Isles | 11.2 | - | 15 | 59 | sunny |
| Newquay | 12.5 | - | 20 | 68 | sunny |
| Ilfracombe | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tenby | 11.4 | - | 15 | 59 | sunny |
| Southport | 13.3 | - | 22 | 72 | sunny |
| Morecambe | 13.7 | - | 21 | 70 | sunny |
| Douglas | 12.5 | - | 16 | 61 | sunny |
| London (Ctrl) | 12.9 | - | 21 | 70 | sunny |
| B'ham (Airpt) | 11.5 | - | 21 | 70 | fog am |
| Bristol (Ctrl) | 13.2 | - | 21 | 70 | sunny |
| Cardiff (Ctrl) | 13.1 | - | 19 | 66 | sunny |
| Anglesey | 12.7 | - | 20 | 68 | sunny |
| B'pool (Airpt) | 13.1 | - | 20 | 68 | sunny |
| Manchester | 12.9 | - | 21 | 70 | sunny |
| Nottingham | 11.9 | - | 18 | 64 | sunny |
| N'cstl-u-Tyne | 13.4 | - | 17 | 63 | sunny |
| Carlisle | 12.9 | - | 22 | 72 | sunny |
| Eskdalemuir | 12.6 | - | 23 | 73 | sunny |
| Prestwick | 13.3 | - | 18 | 64 | sunny |
| Glasgow | 12.1 | - | 23 | 73 | sunny |
| Tiree | 12.9 | - | 15 | 59 | sunny |
| Stornoway | 12.9 | - | 18 | 64 | sunny |
| Lerwick | 10.8 | - | 10 | 50 | sunny |

## Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

| | | C | F | | | C | F | | | C | F | | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | s | 21 | 70 | Copenhgn | s | 16 | 61 | Majorca | s | 24 | 75 | Rio de Jan* | s | 27 | 81 |
| Akrotiri | s | 18 | 69 | Corfu | f | 17 | 63 | Malaga | c | 17 | 63 | Rome | s | 18 | 64 |
| Alexandria | | | | Dallas* | s | 22 | 72 | Malta | s | 20 | 63 | Salzburg | f | 17 | 63 |
| Algiers | s | 21 | 70 | Dublin | s | 15 | 59 | Melbourne | | | | Sao Paulo* | f | 26 | 79 |
| Amsterdam | s | 18 | 64 | Dubrovnik | f | 15 | 59 | Mexico C* | s | 24 | 75 | S Francisco* | s | 16 | 61 |
| Athens | s | 17 | 63 | Faro | s | 20 | 68 | Miami* | f | 29 | 84 | Santiago* | s | 22 | 72 |
| Bahrain | s | 38 | 100 | Florence | s | 21 | 70 | Milan | s | 22 | 72 | Seoul | s | 23 | 73 |
| Barbados* | f | 29 | 84 | Frankfurt | f | 19 | 66 | Montreal* | s | 18 | 64 | Singapore | f | 31 | 88 |
| Barcelona | s | 18 | 64 | Funchal | f | 19 | 66 | Moscow | c | 11 | 52 | Stockholm | s | 16 | 61 |
| Beirut | s | 18 | 64 | Geneva | s | 19 | 66 | Munich | s | 15 | 59 | Strasbourg | s | 17 | 63 |
| Belgrade | f | 2 | 54 | Gibraltar | c | 17 | 63 | Nairobi | | | | Sydney | | | |
| Berlin | s | 5 | 59 | Helsinki | s | 14 | 57 | Naples | s | 18 | 64 | Tangier | c | 19 | 66 |
| Bermuda* | s | 19 | 66 | Hongkong | f | 23 | 73 | New Delhi | s | 33 | 91 | Tel Aviv | c | 18 | 64 |
| Biarritz | s | 18 | 64 | Innsbruck | s | 16 | 61 | New York* | r | 7 | 45 | Tenerife | s | 22 | 72 |
| Boulogne | s | 19 | 66 | Istanbul | f | 11 | 52 | Nice | s | 17 | 63 | Tokyo | s | 18 | 64 |
| Bordeaux | s | 24 | 75 | Jiddah | s | 31 | 88 | Oslo | s | 15 | 59 | Toronto* | c | 5 | 41 |
| Brussels | s | 20 | 68 | Jo'burg | f | 19 | 66 | Ottawa | | | | Tunis | s | 22 | 72 |
| Budapest | | | | Karachi | s | 33 | 91 | Paris | s | 22 | 72 | Valencia | f | 19 | 66 |
| Buen Aires* | c | 15 | 59 | Las Palmas | f | 22 | 72 | Peking | c | 17 | 63 | Vancouver* | s | 8 | 46 |
| Cairo | f | 21 | 70 | Lisbon | f | 19 | 66 | Perth | s | 23 | 73 | Venice | s | 18 | 64 |
| Cape Tn | s | 36 | 97 | Locarno | s | 22 | 72 | Prague | f | 12 | 54 | Vienna | r | 11 | 52 |
| C'blanca | c | 21 | 70 | L Angeles* | s | 26 | 79 | Reykjavik | c | 10 | 50 | Warsaw | s | 13 | 55 |
| Chicago* | s | 4 | 39 | Luxembg | s | 18 | 64 | Rhodes | s | 17 | 63 | Washington* | c | 10 | 50 |
| Cologne | s | 20 | 68 | Madrid | s | 21 | 70 | Riyadh | s | 38 | 100 | Zurich | s | 18 | 64 |

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